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CALENDAR.

1899.

August 6—Tenth Sunday after Trinity. The day appointed for the commemoration of Jewish Missions.

October 4—Wednesday, 10:00 a m., Chicago Theological Seminary opens.

October 5—Twenty-Seventh Biennial Convention of the General Council, Wicker Park Church, Chicago.

October 31—Festival of the Reformation.

It is recommended by the General Council, that on the Sunday nearest this Festival, offerings be made for its Home Mission Work in every Sunday School and Congregation.

November 16—Donation Day at Passavant Memorial Hospital, 192 E. Superior St., Chicago.

November 23—Devotion Day at Passavant Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Ill.

December 3—First Sunday in Advent.

1900.

January 1—Circumcision of Christ—New Year.

January 6—Epiphany.

It is recommended by the General Council, that during the Epiphany Season, offerings be made for Foreign Missions.

February 28—Ash Wednesday, or First Day of Lent.

It is recommended by the General Council, that during Lent, self-denial offerings be made for Church Extension.

April 15—Easter.

May 10—Thursday, 8 p. m., Annual Commencement of Chicago Theological Seminary.

May 24—Ascension Day.

June 3—Whitsunday.

June 7—Thursday, 10:00 a. m., Thirtieth Convention of Chicago Synod, Hicksville, Ohio.

Officers of the General Council.

President, Rev. E. F. Moldehnke, Ph.D., D.D., 124 E. 46th St., New York.
Secretary, Rev. William K. Frick, 2305 Cedar St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Treasurer, William H. Staake, Esq., 133 S. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Superintendent Home Missions, Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, Greensburg, Pa.
Superintendent Foreign Missions, Rev. J. Tellefen, Rock Island, Ill.

MINUTES

Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention

Chicago Synod

OF THE

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St. James' Church, Vandalia, Illinois,

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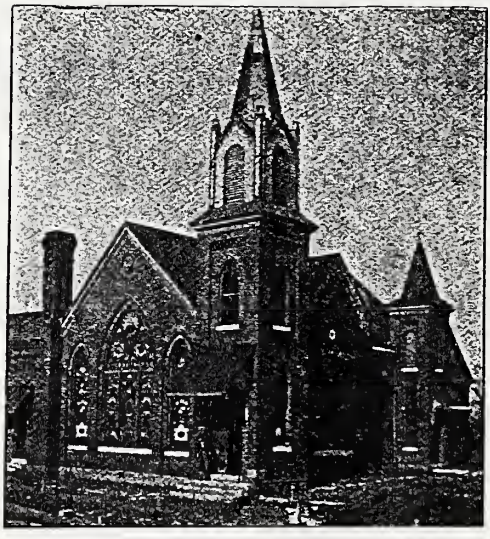

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OPENING SERVICE.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Convention of the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church was held in St. James' Evangelical Lutheran Church, Vandalia, Illinois, Rev. M. L. Wagner, pastor, beginning May 25, 1899, at 10:00 a. m. The convention began with the Confessional and Morning Services of the Church Book, followed by the Synodical Sermon by the President, Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., based on Ephesians IV:11-16, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

After the benediction, the President announced the names of the Committees on Examination and Credentials of Lay Delegates.

FIRST SESSION.

St. James' Church, Vandalia, Illinois,

Thursday, May 25, 1899, 2 p. m.

The President opened the first business session according to the Order of the Church Book.

The Roll of Ministers was called and the Committee on Credentials presented a full list of the lay delegates.

Report of the Committee on Examination.

The Committee would respectfully report that personally and with a letter of honorable dismission from the Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio, Rev. Albert J. Reichert applied for admission to membership in this body. Your Committee unanimously recommend that he be received and his name entered on the Synodical Roll. THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted and the brother was requested

to sign the Constitution, upon which his name was added to the clerical roll.

ROLL OF MINISTERS.

NAME.	ORDINATION	PARISH.	ADDRESS.
Rev. J. Good, a. e.	1850.	No Charge.	Whitestown, Indiana.
Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, D.D.,	1859.	No Charge.	New Augusta, Indiana.
Rev. J. Wesner,	1861.	E. Germanto'n.	Mulberry, Indiana.
Rev. A. V. House, a. e.	1864.	No Charge.	Arcadia, Indiana.
Rev. S. Wagenhals, D.D.,	1868.	Fort Wayne.	Fort Wayne, Indiana.
Rev. C. Kœrner, a. e.	1869.	No Charge.	521 LaSalle Av., Chicago.
Rev. S. P. Fryberger, a. e.	1872.	Whitestown.	Lebanon, Indiana.
Prof. R. F. Weidner, D.D., a. e.	1873.	Professor.	1311 Sheffield Av., Chicago.
Rev. A. E. Gift,	1874.	Rochester.	Rochester, Indiana.
Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield,	1874.	Gila.	Gila, Illinois.
Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D.,	1876.	Professor.	1311 Waveland Av., Chicago.
Rev. M. L. Wagner,	1884.	Vandalia.	Vandalia, Illinois.
Rev. William J. Finck,	1887.	Anderson.	Anderson, Indiana.
Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph.D.,	1888.	Hyde Park.	5858 Indiana Av., Chicago.
Rev. D. L. Reese,	1889.	Frankfort.	Frankfort, Indiana.
Rev. A. C. Anda,	1894.	Goshen.	Goshen, Indiana.
Rev. H. A. W. Yung,	1895.	First English.	Decatur, Illinois.
Rev. C. L. V. Dozer,	1895.	Portland.	Portland, Indiana.
Rev. Isaiah Whitman,	1896.	Newberry.	Newberry, Indiana.
Rev. William Evans,	1896.	Holy Trinity.	296 Elm St., Chicago.
Rev. Austin D. Crile,	1897.	Financial Agt.	1309 Waveland Av., Chicago.
Rev. Luther Hogshead,	1897.	Hicksville.	Hicksville, Ohio.
Rev. Loran O. Pearch,	1898.	Corydon.	White Cloud, Indiana.
Rev. George P. Kabele,	1898.	St. Matthew's.	1688 Flournoy St., Chicago.
Rev. Albert J. Reichert, r.	1899	Mulberry.	Mulberry, Indiana.
Rev. Harry B. Reed, r.	1899.	St. Peter's.	66 Beach Av., Chicago.
Rev. Zenan M. Corbet, r.	1899.	St. Mark's.	1311 Sheffield Av., Chicago.

a, Absent; e, Excused; r, Received during the year.

Roll of Lay Delegates.

H. B. Reed.....St. Peter's.....66 Beach Av., Chicago.
F. Swingle.....Hicksville.....Hicksville, O.
J. A. Booher.....Whitestown.....Darlington, Ind.
Z. M. Corbet.....St. Mark's, 1311 Sheffield Av., Chicago.
G. E. Rohrabaugh.....Colburn.....Colburn, Ind.
Philip Dorner.....St. Paul's.....Frankfort, Ind.
C. O. Myers.....Union.....Gila, Ill.
C. T. A. Anderson.....Trinity..322 W. Belmont Av., Chicago.
N. D. Myers, M. D.....First English.....Decatur, Ill.
Joseph H. Steckel.....Mulberry.....Mulberry, Ind.
H. H. Yaukey.....East Germantown.....Millville, Ind.
Albert J. Downey.....Newberry.....Monroe City, Ind.
J. S. Simon.....First English.....Goshen, Ind.
Henry A. Stone.....St. James'.....Vandalia, Ill.

Visiting Ministers.

At this and subsequent sessions, the President welcomed the following brethren to a seat in the convention:

Prof. W. K. Frick, Milwaukee, Wis., President of the Synod of the Northwest, and the English Secretary of the General Council.

Rev. J. Telleen, Superintendent of the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council.

President's Report.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Assembled again in synodical convention, we can most heartily say: "The Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations."

Our synodical year has been a short one, but it has been crowded with some of the most important and far-reaching events, both in state and in church.

At our last convention we noted the ending of that most remarkable war with Spain and rejoiced in the return of peace. We then realized that grave and untried problems confronted us as a nation. Since then we have been engaged in another war, whose end is not yet. We again need to pray for the return of a righteous and an abiding peace.

These few months have also witnessed the drawing together of our nation with the great English Empire. The whole world

has been startled and stirred with the remarkable Peace Manifesto, from the most unexpected source, the Czar of Russia. And while we assemble to counsel together concerning the Kingdom of God, the representatives of earth's greatest powers are sitting in a quiet little town in Holland to deliberate concerning the bringing in of an era of universal and abiding peace. May we not hope and pray this will be a long step toward that happy time,

"When the war-drums beat no longer,
When the battle-flags are furled,
In the Parliament of Man,
The federation of the world."

We know not yet what mean those stirrings and strifes in that hoary, fossil land of China. We are still pained by that criminal and cruel persecution of the poor Armenjan Christians by the unspeakable Turk. Our hearts are still saddened and our minds perplexed at the oppression of our fellow-Lutherans in the Baltic Provinces, and especially in Finland, by that same Czar who publishes that remarkable Peace Manifesto. But we do know that the Lord still reigneth. To us He says: "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen; I will be exalted in the earth."

In the church also these are stirring and trying times. A sifting period is upon the people of God. Materialism, fanaticism and skepticism are rife among us. The love of the world and what it offers is alienating masses from Christ and the church. Many churches are ready to compromise, if not to surrender. They are inviting the world with its spirit and methods into the sanctuary. They are turning their churches into lyceums, clubhouses and places of amusement. May God have mercy on our dear church and save her from losing faith in Christ's means of grace and from selling her birthright.

Many who have no clear conception of God's way of salvation are ready to run after every new thing, embrace the strangest and absurdest vagaries and are given over to soul-destroying delusions. In many high places in the church the very foundations seem to be in process of removal. Theological chairs are occupied by men who teach the young men who are to be ministers in the church that the old Bible is full of fable, myth and mistake; that there is no inspiration except the inspiration of genius and that every man must have his final authority in himself.

If ever an age needed a church like ours it is this age. With her cool head she waits, tests and tries the spirits, their doctrines and their methods. With her implicit faith in what is written she has a seat of final authority in which she is content to abide and feel secure. With her warm heart she rests and is at peace in the experience and assurance of justifying faith. She has tested and is satisfied with the old foundations and will continue to hold up the banner of the old truth.

Our short synodical year has witnessed a number of changes and encouragements.

Resignations.

Rev. H. A. W. Yung resigned the pastorate of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, Crisman, Indiana, and accepted a unanimous call to the First English Lutheran Church of Decatur, Illinois.

Shortly after our last convention, the Rev. William Hall resigned as pastor of the Syracuse charge to accept a call from the English Lutheran Church of Versailles, Ohio. He was dismissed to the Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio.

April 17, 1899, the G. D. Gross resigned the Colburn charge to accept a call from Scalp Level, Pa. He was dismissed to the Allegheny Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

May 1, the Rev. A. T. Clay, Ph.D., resigned St. Mark's English Lutheran Church, Chicago, to accept a call as Professor in the University of Pennsylvania.

May 1, Rev. Frank C. Oberly was dismissed to the Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Installations.

December 4, 1898, the Rev. H. A. W. Yung was installed as pastor of the First English Lutheran Church of Decatur, Illinois, by your President, assisted by the Rev. J. D. Roth, a former pastor of the church.

December 11, 1898, the Rev. A. C. Anda was installed as pastor of the First English Lutheran Church of Goshen, Indiana, by the Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D.

On Palm Sunday, March 26, your President installed the Rev. A. J. Reichert as pastor of the Mulberry charge.

On Easter Sunday, April 2, the Rev. Dr. M. J. Stirewalt installed the Rev. J. Wesner as pastor of the East Germantown charge.

On May 21, your President installed the Rev. C. L. V. Dozer

as pastor of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Portland, Indiana.

Corner Stone Layings.

On November 3, 1898, the corner stone of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Portland, Indiana, was laid. The Pastor was assisted by the Rev. William J. Finck.

On December 11, 1898, the corner stone of St. John's English Lutheran Church of Anderson, Indiana, was laid by the Pastor, Rev. William J. Finck.

Dedication.

On Whitsunday, May 21, 1899, Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Portland, Indiana, was consecrated to the Triune God. The President was assisted by the Pastor and the Rev. W. L. Smith.

We are glad to be informed also that St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Rochester charge, Rev. A. E. Gift, Pastor, has been remodeled and improved, at a cost of about four hundred dollars.

Applications for Membership.

St. James' English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chicago has adopted the changes in its constitution recommended by the Synod a year ago and thus becomes an integral part of our body upon signing the Constitution of Synod.

The Rev. Luther Hogshead, of Hicksville, Ohio, has reorganized the old Lutheran congregation at Walnut Ridge, Indiana. It makes application for membership in this body.

The Rev. A. J. Reichert comes to us with a letter of dismissal from the Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio, and applies for membership.

Applications for ordination have been made by Zenan M. Corbet and H. B. Reed, both graduates of our Chicago Seminary.

Our Needs.

Next to a sound, scholarly, self-sacrificing and consecrated ministry, the church needs an intelligent, earnest, loyal and liberal laity. Such a laity must be trained by the church. Only a laity that knows the history, understands the doctrine, experiences the life and is at home in the activities and interests of the church can be expected to love, to labor and liberally to give for her.

Our Chicago Seminary has now given eleven ministers to our

Synod. Through her students she has organized and brought into Synod six congregations. But the Synod has furnished only two of the one hundred men she has sent into the ministry. The school is still without any endowment for its professors. About nine thousand dollars are needed every year for carrying on the good work. This is gathered from year to year from the friends of our cause. Our Synod, which gets the greatest proportional benefit, contributes a very small proportion of the expense of this most worthy institution located on her territory.

To help meet these needs of our Synod and Seminary your President offers the following

Recommendations.

1. That the work of organizing Luther Leagues and following out the reading course recommended by the National League be further pushed in all our congregations.

2. That in addition to the circulating of the Synod's Edition of the Young Lutheran, a constant effort be made to introduce the Lutheran into every home.

3. That every pastor be dilligent and earnest in seeking out such boys and young men as have the proper qualifications for the holy office, call their attention to this blessed work and endeavor to lead them to prepare for the ministry.

4. That the roll of pastors be called every year and that each one report what he has done in this matter.

5. That every minister make a yearly house to house canvass for funds for the work of the Chicago Seminary, except in those congregations canvassed by a representative of the seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. GERBERDING.

The report was received to be referred to the proper committee upon its appointment.

Election of Officers.

The President appointed Messrs. C. T. A. Anderson, N. D. Myers, M.D., and Henry A. Stone tellers, who reported as follows:

PRESIDENT, Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., Chicago, Illinois.
SECRETARY, Rev. William J. Finck, Anderson, Indiana.
TREASURER, Mr. D. J. Miller, Middletown, Indiana.

Trustees.

A. G. Webber, Esq., Decatur, Illinois, term expires 1900.
Mr. Nels Johnson, Chicago, Illinois, term expires 1901.
Mr. Wm. K. Wesner, Newberry, Indiana, term expires 1902.

The hours for beginning and closing the sessions of Synod were arranged as follows: For opening, 8:30 a. m., 2:00 and 8:00 p. m.; for closing, 11:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

Standing Committees.

EXAMINATION—Revs. S. Wagenhals, D.D., Austin D. Crile, J. Wesner, M. J. Stirewalt, D.D., and I. Whitman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Revs. William J. Finck, Loran O. Pearch, and Mr. Philip Dorner.

HOME MISSIONS—Revs. H. A. W. Yung, M. L. Wagner, William A. Sadtler, Ph.D., George P. Kabele, A. J. Reichert, and Mr. A. T. C. Anderson.

EDUCATION—Revs. J. Wesner, I. Whitman, and Dr. N. D. Myers.

BENEVOLENCE—Revs. William Evans, Z. M. Corbet, and Mr. M. L. Deck.

DISCIPLINE—Rev. A. V. House, J. Wesner, J. M. G. Sappenfield, S. P. Fryberger, and Luther Hogshead.

RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS—Revs. J. M. G. Sappenfield, A. D. Crile, and Luther Hogshead.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS AND APPORTIONMENTS—Revs. M. L. Wagner, A. D. Crile, William Evans, J. S. Simon, and H. H. Yaukey.

Regular Committees.

ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT—Revs. H. A. W. Yung, W. A. Sadtler, and I. Whitman.

ON TREASURER'S REPORT—Messrs. C. T. A. Anderson, Philip Dorner, and J. H. Steckel.

ON PROTOCOL AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CONVENTION—Revs. William Evans, and George P. Kabele.

ON ABSENTEES—Revs. Austin D. Crile, C. L. V. Dozer, and Mr. F. Swingle.

ON PROCEEDINGS OF CONFERENCES—Rev. M. L. Wagner, and Dr. W. A. Sadtler.

ON PRESS AND CHURCH PAPERS—Lutheran, Rev. A. D. Crile; Young Lutheran, Committee.

On Credentials of Lay Delegates—Revs. Jacob Wesner, D. L. Reese, and Geo. P. Kabele.

At 3:30, Rev. A. D. Crile presented a paper on "Church Architecture," which was followed by a discussion lasting to the hour of adjournment.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday, May 26, 1899, 8:30 a. m.

The devotional services consisting of the Matin Service with music were conducted by the Rev. A. C. Anda. The roll was called and the minutes approved.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your Committee begs leave to offer the following resolutions:

1. That the official acts of the President be approved.
2. That Synod adopt the following recommendations:

a. That the work of organizing Luther Leagues and following out the Reading Course recommended by the National League be pushed in all our congregations.

b. That in addition to the circulating of the Synod's edition of the Young Lutheran, a constant effort be made to introduce the Lutheran into every home.

c. That every pastor be diligent and earnest in seeking out such boys and young men as have the proper qualifications for the holy office, call their attention to the blessed work and endeavor to lead them to prepare for the ministry.

d. That the roll of pastors be called every year and that each one report what he has done in this matter.

e. That every pastor co-operate with the Professors and Financial Secretary of the Chicago Seminary in securing funds for the work and that a special effort be made to have every congregation canvassed by the pastor or representative of the Seminary.

The Committee.

The report was received and adopted item by item.

Report of Committee on Examination.

Two candidates for ordination came before the Committee, Zenan Melanchthon Corbet and Harry Bertram Reed. Both are graduates of the Chicago Theological Seminary and have received regular calls from congregations.

Your Committee is satisfied as to their fitness for ordination and recommends that their requests be granted. We would further suggest that the necessary arrangements for the ordination service be entrusted to the President and pastor loci.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted.

The report of the special committee on By-Laws was taken up, but its reading was interrupted to hear

The Report of the Treasurer.

The report is presented in two parts.

1. The Acting Treasurer's Report.

On account of the continued illness of the Treasurer of Synod, Mr. D. J. Miller, the undersigned acted as treasurer by appointment of the President. The following account sets forth the income and expenitures of Synod from the last convention to May 25, 1899. It will be noticed that the amount received during these eight months is nearly twice as large as during the previous year. This is undoubtedly due to visitation on the part of the President, an active presentation by the pastors, the wholesome influence of the Young Lutheran, and a worthy response by the people.

RECEIPTS.

From Temporary Treasurer M. L. Deck	$ 156 80	
From Apportionments	1064 02	
For Special Objects	248 67	
From Treasurer Miller	87 00	
		$1556 49

EXPENDITURES.

For Home Missions of General Council	$ 300 00
For Home Missions of Chicago Synod	253 02
For Foreign Missions	184 22
For Beneficiary Education	285 00
For Benevolence	9 40

For Jewish Missions	11 11
For Printing and Distribution of Minutes	97 62
For Clerical Services of Secretary and Treasurer,	25 00
For Mileage, Postage and Exchange	7 04
For Church Extension	26 58
To Chicago Seminary	49 22
For Binding Minutes of Indiana Synod	1 00
To D. J. Miller, Treasurer	307 28
	——$1556 49

The Receipts in Detail.

ON APPORTIONMENT.

PARISH.	CONGREGATION.	DELIN-QUN'Y.	H. M.	EDUCA.	SYNOD.	TOTAL.
Alamo	Phanuel	$ 74 00	$ 26			$ 24 26
	Emanuel	3 00				3 00
	Philadelphia					
Anderson	St. John's		9 33	3 73	1 60	14 66
	Mt. Zion's		4 68	1 80	72	7 20
Chicago	St. John's		8 00	3 50	94	12 44
"	St. James'					
"	St. Matthew's,					
"	St. Mark's		15 25	5 87	2 35	23 47
"	St. Peter's		3 41	1 46	43	5 30
"	Holy Trinity	175 00				175 00
"	Wicker Park		35 68	15 80	6 62	58 10
Claremont	St. James'	30 00	6 00			36 00
Colburn	St. John's	10 00				10 00
	Zion's		9 88	3 80	1 52	15 20
	Bethel	16 00	10 00			26 00
Corydon	Mt. Solomon	27 00				27 00
Crisman	Hope					
Decatur	First English		15 47	6 96	2 24	24 67
East Germantown	Zion's	22 91				22 91
	St. Jacob's	9 25				9 25
	St. John's		5 20	2 00	80	8 00
Fort Wayne	Holy Trinity		106 25	40 87	16 35	163 47
Frankfort	St. Paul's		16 47	6 33	2 53	25 33
Gila	Union	17 81				17 81
Goshen	First English		32 07	12 33	4 93	49 33
Hicksville	St. John's	23 00				23 00
	Lost Creek		15 60	6 00	2 40	24 00
Mulberry	Zion's	41 53	24 27	9 33	3 73	78 86
	Fairhaven	30 00	21 15	8 13	3 25	62 53
Newberry	St. Peter's	4 87	11 79	4 53	1 81	23 00
Portland	Mt. Zion's		12 00	3 30	1 30	16 60
	Zion's		2 67	4 65	45	7 77
Rochester	St. Paul's	18 81				18 81
	St. John's	42 56				42 56
	St. Paul's	7 50				7 50
Syracuse	Emanuel	11 25	9 75	3 70	90	25 60
	Syracuse	1 15	4 54	1 47	59	7 75
Vandalia	St. James'	12 08	14 56	5 60	2 24	34 48
	Union					
Whitestown	Salem	27 05				27 05
	St. Mark's	23 82				23 82
	St. James'	14 50				14 50

Of the above forty-three congregations, twenty-one are paid in full or overpaid and the following are delinquent:

Alamo, Phanuel	$12 00
" Emanuel	33 87
" Philadelphia	13 85
Chicago, St. Matthew's	8 00
Claremont, St. James'	29 73
Colburn, St. John's	23 35
" Bethel	4 67
Crisman, Hope	8 00
E. Germantown, Zion's	89 88
" St. Jacob's	32 32
Gila, Union	72 85
Rochester, St. Paul's	62 32
" St. John's	45 65
Syracuse, St. Paul's	9 33
" Emanuel	58
Whitestown, Union	4 53
" Salem	68 66
" St. Mark's	67 60
" St. James'	69 44

Receipts for Foreign Missions.

Offerings at last Meeting of Synod		$10 87
From Delinquencies		34 26
Special Offerings, St. John's, Anderson	2 95	
First Church, Decatur	6 01	
Holy Trinity, Fort Wayne	25 00	
Wicker Park, Chicago	30 26	
Mt. Zion's, Newberry	3 00	
St. John's, Chicago	5 00	
Missionary Society, Mulberry	60 00	
First Church, Goshen	5 00	
St. Peter's, Newberry	1 87	
St. James, Chicago	1 60	
St. Paul's, Rochester	3 35	
St. John's, Rochester	3 00	
		$192 00

Balance in Treasury for this Fund $7 95

Receipts for Benevolence.

Offerings at last Meeting of Synod	$8 40	
Received from St. James', Chicago, for Orphans	1 00	
		$ 9 40

Receipts for Jewish Missions.

Offerings at last Meeting of Synod	$9 41	
Received from First Church, Decatur	1 70	
		$11 11

Receipts for Church Extension.

Received from St. John's, Anderson	$ 3 90	
Mt. Zion's, Anderson Charge	1 90	
First Church, Decatur	9 10	
Zion's, Portland	1 00	
First Church, Goshen	10 68	
		$26 58

Receipts for Chicago Seminary.

Received from First Church, Decatur	$ 10 22	
St. John's, Chicago	10 00	
Mis. So. of Zion's Ch., Mulberry	29 00	
Paid direct to Seminary	800 00	
		$849 22

Receipts for Synodical Missions.

From Mis. So., Mulberry, for St. Peter's, Chicago $25 00

Recommendations.

1. Inasmuch as St. James' Church, Chicago, was not a member of this Synod when the apportionments were allotted at the last meeting of Synod, the undersigned recommends that this congregation be not charged with a delinquency.

2. That since Zion's Church, Portland, was without a pastor and without regular services prior to June, '98, the delinquency standing against this congregation be cancelled.

3. That inasmuch as Synod has received and used the amount of the delinquency of St. James, Vandalia, this congregation be credited with $20.00.

4. We recommend also, because of the large sum sent to Synod by Holy Trinity, Chicago, $175.00, that the remaining delinquency

which accumulated previous to the term of the present pastor, be cancelled.

5. That on account of the sickness of the pastor covering four months, the delinquency of Mt. Solomon, Corydon, be cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. FINCK, Acting Treasurer.

2. Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in my hands at close of the last convention in the several funds		$ 760 37

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Home Missions, General Council	$ 100 00	
For Home Missions, Chicago Synod	100 00	
For Foreign Mission, General Council	100 00	
For Printing Minutes of Synod	87 00	
For Education	85 00	
		$ 472 00
Balance on hand		$ 288 37
Received from Rev. W. J. Finck during Synod		307 28
Balance in Treasury, May 25, 1899		$ 595 65

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. MILLER, Treasurer.

Combining the totals of the two parts of this report we have the following result:

Total Income		$2,229 86
Expenditures, G. C. Home Missions	$400 00	
Synodical Home Missions	353 02	
Beneficiary Education	370 00	
Foreign Missions	284 22	
Synodical Expenses	130 66	
Sundries	96 31	$1634 21
Balance in Treasury		$ 595 65

SECRETARY.

The report was received. The financial parts of the report were referred to the Auditing Committee and the recommendations were adopted item by item by the Synod.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, D.D.

THIRD SESSION.

Friday, May 26, 1899, 2:00 p. m.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield. The roll was called and the minutes were approved.

The reading and consideration of the proposed By-Laws were continued and it was decided to adopt them provisionally for one year including the next convention, and to print them as an appendix to the minutes.

Report of Committee on Protocol and Minutes of Previous Convention.

We beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined the protocol and printed minutes of the last convention and desire to draw the attention of the Synod to the following items:

1. That on the tenth page of the minutes we find a recommendation that a committee be appointed to arrange the redistricting of parishes within the bounds of this Synod. On page twenty-six, we find this committee's report. Your committee suggests that the pastors of the respective parishes report the progress, if any, to the Synod at this meeting.

2. Page nineteen. The Secretary was instructed to inquire whether or not ordination certificates have been published by the General Council; and also to bring to the attention of the Council the need of letters of dismissal for pastors and church members. Has the Secretary any information to give Synod in this matter?

3. Page twenty-nine. In the report of the delegation to the General Council, we find a recommendation from the General Council that District Synods bring the subject of Church Extension before the Synod at the public services. Your committee rejoices to say that in the addresses of both Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., President of Synod, and Rev. W. K. Frick, of Milwaukee, President of the Synod of the Northwest, due prominence was given to this subject.

4. The present volume of the Protocol being now filled, we recommend that it be placed together with the other volumes, in

the archives of the Synod, and that the Secretary be authorized to purchase a new book for the next volume.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted item by item.

In reference to item one, the pastors concerned reported, showing that the matter had been presented to the congregations.

Item two was answered in person by the Secretary of the General Council. Whereupon it was decided that the Secretary of Synod find out how many certificates are needed, secure the required number from the treasurer of the Pennsylvania Ministerium, and issue them in proper form to the ministers ordained by Synod.

Report of Committee on Benevolence.

1. Your Committee arranged for a public service on Thursday evening of this synodical convention, specially devoted to the subject of Benevolence. The address was delivered by the Rev. W. K. Frick, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, President of the Synod of the Northwest. The offerings for the evening were $16.35. Your Committee recommends that this sum be given to the Passavant Memorial Hospital at Chicago.

2. Once more we call attention to the needs of this Institution of Mercy within our own bounds at the very doorstep of our Synod and which may rightfully claim our charities. Your committee would therefore respectfully recommend that each pastor call the attention of his congregation to the necessity of making a donation or taking up an offering for the benefit of this institution and the similar one at Jacksonville, Illinois, which is named after him whose memory we all hold sacred and dear. As an appropriate season for the donations or offerings, we would suggest Thanksgiving Day.

3. Your committee begs leave to suggest that during the coming year the pastors of this Synod endeavor to give prominence to the work of Benevolence in their congregations. Surely there is no work more divine, more human, than that which occupied so great a part of the ministry of the God-man, the sympathetic

Saviour of men, who went about doing good, curing diseases, healing those who were oppressed with the Devil, comforting the fatherless and the widow, and bringing healing and joy into homes of pain and sorrow.

4. The committee desires to thank the Rev. W. K. Frick, for his kindness in delivering the address on Benevolence. We recommend that his expenses be paid by Synod.

5. The committee notes with pleasure the presence of Sister Mary E. Bowman, Sister-in-charge of the Passavant Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Illinois, and Sister Martha Gensike, directing Sister of the Motherhouse and Milwaukee Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

6. We commend the Deaconess work to the pastors of Synod; we suggest that they not only remember it in prayer, but also present its needs and impress upon the young women of our congregations the necessity of giving not only of their means but the giving of themselves to this noble work of God.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted item by item.

Report of Committee on Absentees.

1. We, your committee, have received letters stating reasons for absence from this convention of Synod from the following members: Rev. Prof. R. F. Weidner, D.D., Rev. S. P. Fryberger, Rev. A. V. House, Rev. John Good, and Rev. C. Koerner. We recommend that these brethren be excused.

2. A request for leaving Synod before its close was received from Rev. William Evans. He begs to be excused in order that he may hold his regular services on Sunday. We recommend that he be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received, adopted item by item, and the following resolution was presented:

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this Synod that every pastor connected with it should be present at its sessions from the first to the last and that every parish should cheerfully arrange to make this possible for its pastor, even when the convention continues over a Lord's Day.

Its consideration was pending when the hour of adjournment arrived.

At 3:45, a paper was presented by the Rev. Loran O. Pearch on "Church Music," which was followed by a discussion lasting to the hour of adjournment.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. J. Wesner.

FOURTH SESSION.

Saturday, May 27, 1899, 8:30 a. m.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. A. J. Reichert. The roll was called and the minutes were approved. The resolution pending at the close of the last session was unanimously adopted.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

We your committee to whom were referred the Reports of the Treasurer and of the Acting Treasurer, beg leave to report that we have carefully compared the items of the reports with the book accounts and vouchers and find the reports correct.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

We respectfully submit the following report:

Meetings of the Committee.

The committee held meetings during the year as follows: Whitestown, Indiana, September 23, 1898; Chicago, January 9, and April 4, 1899. The business transacted at these meetings, and the one held during this convention, is summarized in this report.

The Missions.

The following congregations are now under the care of this committee, and receive aid from the funds placed at our disposal: St. Peter's, Chicago; Hope. Crisman; Zion's, Portland; and St. James', Chicago.

St. Peter's, Chicago.

This mission has heretofore received aid from Synod, and from the Student's help fund of the Seminary. Student H. B. Reed has served it faithfully and acceptably during the past two years, and is now called by the committee and congregation to become its pastor. Having completed his course of study, the aid from the Seminary ceases. During these two years a lot was secured and a brick church bought and is now being moved thereon, which will be refitted and used as a place of worship. The mission has a flourishing Sunday school of two hundred pupils and seventeen teachers, and an active Ladies' Society which renders much help. Recently another Sunday school was organized with one hundred pupils and and four teachers. This school is under the management of St. Peter's.

The mission asks for $300 from the committee for the ensuing year, beginning May 1, to supplement the pastor's salary. The petition is granted.

Hope, Crisman, Indiana.

Since the last convention the mission has been supplied by students from the Seminary. At the committee's meeting in April, Student Alonzo H. Arbaugh was called by the committee to this mission, the call to be approved by the congregation.

Mr. Arbaugh, however, has declined the call. Student Baisler has been secured to supply the place during the summer, and the committee has decided to allow him $16.66 per month for the five months, beginning May 1, 1899. At the close of this period we hope to be able to make provision for its further supply. Mr. Baisler also is to labor at Miller's and Lake, two good points near Crisman. When organizations are effected at these points, we will have practically a self-sustaining parish.

Zion's, Portland, Indiana.

Rev. C. L. V. Dozer was called to this field by the committee last year. and entered upon his work very auspiciously. A church has been erected and almost paid for. A debt of $300 is unprovided for. The property owned by this mission at a conservative estimate, is valued at $2,500. On Whitsunday the church was consecrated. A Sunday school is maintained, and a class of catechumens prepared for confirmation. In addition to Portland, Rev. Mr. Dozer also labors at

Alexandria, Indiana.

This is an important point, and in the judgment of the com-

mittee ought to be occupied. The prospects at present are not as bright as might be desired, yet there is reason for hoping for better conditions. Rev. Mr. Dozer has organized a Sunday school, enrolling forty pupils. $52.76 have been contributed to the work at Alexandria by those concerned. The committee realizes that the field which Rev. Mr. Dozer is caring for is too large for one man, and only the lack of funds prevents the committee from placing a missionary at each point.

The committee has appropriated $240 in support of this field.

St. James', Chicago.

This mission was organized over a year ago. It has not had a fair chance to prove itself. It is located in a section that is strongly Lutheran, and where the residents own their homes. It has been served by Rev. M. E. Boulton during the Seminary year. He was supported from the Student's help fund. Student H. T. Weber has been asked by the mission to supply it during the summer. Mr. Weber reports quite an improvement since he has taken charge. The General Council literature is used in its Sunday school. The committee appropriated $15 per month to this mission for five months, beginning May 1, 1899, on the condition that it authorizes the Secretary of Synod to sign the Constitution of Synod on its behalf.*

Lafayette, Indiana.

Some work has been done in this city by Rev. A. J. Reichert. Services have been held and it is proposed to continne them. The outlook is very gratifying. The Mulberry parish is deeply interested in this movement. The committee has appropriated $50 for this work, providing it will be needed.

Other Points.

Rev. A. E. Gift reports that he has been holding services in Rochester, Indiana, with encouraging results, so much so that he contemplates organizing a congregation shortly.

A partial canvass of South Bend has been made, and quite a number of Lutherans found who express a desire for an English Lutheran Church. Rev. Mr. Anda, of Goshen, has signified his intention to push the work a little further and ascertain what can be done in this city.

Some preliminary work has also been done in New Castle.

*This condition was complied with in due form by vote of the congregation.—Sec'y.

and Vincennes, Indiana, by Revs. J. Wesner and I. Whitman, respectively.

Jonesboro and Gas City, Indiana, are referred to the pastor of the Mulberry parish.

Our Field.

Much has been said concerning the field open to our Synod for missionary operations, but we need enlightenment on the subject in order that activity may be increased. Our field is large enough to tax the energies of a Synod ten times the strength of ours. Chicago alone is a vast mission field, and presents an open door to us. Other points which should be occupied are brought to our notice. We as a Synod are aided very materially in this mission work through the Student's help fund of the Seminary. By means of this fund, students doing mission work within reach of the Seminary, are supported without any additional burden upon the Synod during the scholastic year. A little assistance from Synod during the summer months makes it possible to carry on the work continuously. The committee will therefore co-operate with the Seminary authorities along this line.

Our Resources.

Our resources are limited. About $600 per year is all the committee can reasonably expect to have placed at its disposal to carry on the work. We think we could judiciously and profitably expend a much larger sum were it at our disposal. Be that as it may, we believe we can say that our Synod is doing more mission work at less expense than any other sister Synod in the General Council. But however much we have done and are doing, we have not come up to the measure of our duty.

Our Policy.

It is the aim of the committee to strengthen our Synod and our church by developing new fields and organizing new congregations, which will become integral parts of this Synod. It proposes to follow and gather in the scattered members of our church and minister to the unchurched.

The committee will endeavor to arrange that when a student takes charge of a new point, he do so with a view of becoming the settled pastor of that mission.

It has also decided that it will grant no assistance to any mission that does not use the General Council's literature and publications in its Sunday school.

No new mission expecting assistance from this committee shall be projected without the committee's approval.

In order that the committee may be advised of the progress of the several missions, bi-monthly reports are to be made to its chairman by the missionaries or students serving them, and upon the receipt of these reports, he shall issue an order upon the treasurer of the committee for the salary due the missionary.

We would respectfully recommend that the beneficiaries of Synod at the Chicago Seminary do missionary work under the direction of this committee, with the consent of the Seminary authorities.

We also respectfully request that the Treasurer of Synod pay to the treasurer of this committee, in quarterly installments, the amount placed at the committee's disposal.

In order that the work mapped out by this committee for the ensuing year may be accomplished, we respectfully ask Synod to place at our disposal the sum of $600.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted item by item.

Report of Committee on Reception of Congregations.

1. The committee has received an application from Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hall's Corner, Allen Co., Indiana. for membership in this body. As they have adopted the Constitution recommended by the General Council for congregations, we recommend that they be received as a member of the Chicago Synod, and that their commissioner sign the Constitution of Synod.

2. St. James', Chicago, has complied with the requirements made by Synod at its last convention and as soon as it has signed the Constitution it is a regular member of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted item by item.

The report of committee on Ministerial Relief was heard, whereupon the committee was discharged. On motion it was decided that a special committee on Ministerial Relief be appointed by the President, to which all cases of members of this body needing assistance

are to be referred. Fifty dollars were appropriated from the treasury of Synod for the disposal of this committee to be used at its discretion.

The report of the committee on Education, presenting a plan for Beneficiary Aid, was read and discussed. Its consideration was pending when the hour of adjournment arrived.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That we as a Synod express our gratification that we have with us the two sisters, Mary and Martha, from the hospitals at Jacksonville and Milwaukee, respectively, and we hope their presence will be a living object lesson to the young women of our churches to move them to a prayerful consideration of the high and holy calling of the Female Diaconate.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. E. Gift.

FIFTH SESSION.

Saturday, May 27, 1899, 2:00 p. m.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. A. E. Gift. The roll was called and the minutes approved.

The discussion of the plan for beneficiary aid was continued and its rules and regulations were provisionally adopted for one year and ordered to be printed in the minutes. (See Appendix.)

Report of Committee on Conferences.

Your committee would respectfully report that owing to the change in the time of the meeting of Synod, no meetings of either Conference were held and therefore we have nothing to report.

M. L. WAGNER, W. A. SADTLER.

The report was received and adopted.

In order to aid the committee on Apportionments, the following appropriations were made by vote of Synod: For Synodical Home Missions, $600; for Home Missions

of the General Council, $700; for Foreign Missions, $200; for Beneficiary Education, $300; for Synodical Expenses, $150; for Ministerial Relief, $50; total, $2,000.

Report of Committee on Parochial Reports and Apportionments.

Your committee would respectfully report that we have made the apportionments on the same basis as last year, namely, forty cents for each confirmed member, making exceptions only in case of missions and of congregations that are practically missions.

It will be observed that Synod has appropriated for the several objects a larger sum than is apportioned. The committee would state that the apportionments made are the minimum amounts asked for the year's work.

The tables of apportionments and the tabulated parochial reports are herewith presented as part of this report.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted and the table of apportionments and the parochial statistics were ordered printed in the minutes. (See Appendix.)

An invitation was received from the kind people of St. James' Church, Vandalia, through Mr. Henry A. Stone, to take a carriage ride at seven o'clock on Monday morning, the weather permitting. The invitation was accepted and the hour for opening on Monday was set for 9:30 a. m.

At 3:30 a paper was presented by the Rev. I. Whitman on the subject, "The Pastoral Office." It was followed by a discussion which lasted till the hour of adjournment.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. Wagenhals, D.D.

SIXTH SESSION.

Monday, May 29, 1899, 8:30 a. m.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Zenan M. Corbet. The roll was called and the minutes

approved. The newly-ordained brethren signed the Constitution and their names were added to the clerical roll.

The President appointed the following special committee on Ministerial Relief: Revs. A. J. Reichert, D. L. Reese and S. P. Fryberger. Rev. Dr. Stirewalt was re-appointed Keeper of the Archives.

Rev. M. L. Wagner, in behalf of Mrs. Dieckmann, reported that the property offered by her to Synod as an educational institution, was now offered as a home for the aged. Whereupon the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, We have heard with great pleasure the statement of Rev. M. L. Wagner, on behalf of Mrs. Elizabeth Deickmann, in regard to the establishment of a home for the aged in Vandalia, Illinois, therefore be it

RESOLVED, I. That Synod cordially comply with the request of Mrs. Deickmann to appoint a Board of Trustees for the home, consisting of four clerical and three lay members with the following provisions:

1. Said Trustees shall be members in good and regular standing of congregations connected with the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

2. This Board shall be regularly incorporated according to the laws of the State of Illinois and shall have power to adopt a constitution and by-laws for its guidance in the maintenance and and regulation of the home.

3. This Board shall be self-perpetuating under the limitations of Section 1 of this resolution.

4. The term of office of the members of this Board shall be three years, but at the first election one clergyman and one layman shall be elected for one year; one clergyman and one layman for two years; two clergymen and one layman for three years.

5. This Board shall annually furnish a general report for insertion in the minutes of this Synod, embodying such information as the board may desire to bring to the attention of the church.

RESOLVED, II. That this Synod cordially commend this home to its congregations and to all benevolent persons interested in its noble work.

A committee consisting of the President and Dr. Wagenhals was appointed to nominate the Board of Trustees.

The Committee on Educational Institution reported progress and was continued.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Education.

Your committee begs leave to report the following:

1. That a letter has been received from the Rev. M. E. Boulton thanking the Synod for the aid received and requesting that a reduction on the amount paid him be made for missionary services rendered. We recommend that the President of the Synod send him a reply informing him that according to the rules and regulations under which he received aid, he is not bound to repay what was appropriated, except he prove unfaithful to his calling.

2. That during the year three other students were aided from the funds of the Synod in the prosecution of their studies, namely, John V. Sappenfield and Howard E. Snyder, at Thiel College, and Andrew M. Sappenfield, at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn. Student John V. Sappenfield completes the course at Thiel and desires to enter the Theological Seminary at Chicago in the fall. To enable these young men to continue their studies at these institutions, respectively, your committee recommend that the sum of $100 be appropriated to each.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted item by item.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Your committee would respectfully report that a service in the interests of Foreign Missions was held on Sunday evening, at which the Superintendent of Foreign Missions of the General Council, the Rev. J. Telleen, delivered the sermon. The offerings amounted to $20.

The committee notes with pleasure the increased interest manifested in this cause. During the past two years $364.22 were remitted, making an average of $182.11 for each year. The committee feels that at least $300 should annually be contributed for this great cause.

The committee would draw the attention of all friends of the heathen to the most feasible way of doing foreign mission work

by educating and supporting native workers and providing for the establishment of institutions of learning in the field for this purpose. We suggest therefore that our pastors recommend to their friends, schools and congregations that they undertake to support native scholars, students, teachers and pastors, that our work in India may prosper and bear fruit abundantly.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted.

Invitations for the next convention were received from St. John's, Hicksville, and Zion's, Mulberry. Lay delegates, C. O. Myers, J. A. Booher, G. E. Rohrabaugh, and Albert J. Downey, were appointed tellers and upon the third ballot they reported the selection of Hicksville as the place. Time, Thursday, June 7th, 1900.

The following resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the cordial thanks of this body be tendered the members of St. James' Evangelical Lutheran congregation for the hospitable reception and entertainment we have experienced at their hands, and that the pastor be instructed to bring this resolution to the attention of his people at the next regular service.

Report of Committee on Young Lutheran.

We, your committee on the Chicago Synod's Edition of the Young Lutheran, would respectfully report that we secured subscriptions for about 1,100 copies, and issued the edition regularly, beginning with January, 1899. We are confident that this paper has been instrumental in creating a deeper interest in both the local and general work of Synod, on the part of our people, and therefore we think it should be continued. We would also urge those parishes that have not taken this paper to make an effort to introduce it among their people.

M. L. WAGNER, L. O. PEARCH, A. D. CRILE.

The report was adopted.

On account of rain the previous night, the carriage ride was postponed till after the close of the afternoon session.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. H. B. Reed.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Monday, May 29, 1899, 2:00 p. m.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. J. Wesner.

The committee on nominations for the Board of Trustees for the Home for the Aged made the following report. M. L. Wagner and I. Whitman for three years; H. A. W. Yung for two years, and A. D. Crile for one year. Geo. A. A. Dieckmann for three years, James Bennihof for two years, and Dr. N. D. Myers for one year. These members were unanimously elected for the terms specified.

Election of Delegates to General Council.

CLERICAL PRIMARII—Prof. G. H. Gerberding. D. D., ex-officio, Revs. S. Wagenhals, D.D., M. L. Wagner.

LAY PRIMARII—Henry A. Stone, F. Swingle, M. L. Deck.

CLERICAL SECUNDI—H. A. W. Yung, William J. Finck, W. A. Sadtler, Ph.D.

LAY SECUNDI—A. P. Johnson, Dr. N. D. Myers, William K. Wesner.

It was ordered that two thousand copies of the minutes be printed for distribution.

RESOLVED, That we recommend to the General Council that it hold its biennial meeting as early in the month of September as practicable.

The President announced the following committees:

Standing Committees.

EXAMINATION—Revs. S. Wagenhals, D.D., J. Wesner, M. J. Stirewalt, D.D., A. D. Crile, and I. Whitman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Revs. William J. Finck, Loran O. Pearch, and Mr. Philip Dorner.

HOME MISSIONS—Revs. H. A. W. Yung, President; M. L. Wagner, Missionary Director; William A. Sadtler, Ph.D., Geo. P. Kabele, Secretary; A. J. Reichert, and Messrs. A. T. C. Anderson, Treasurer, 322 W. Belmont Ave.; F. E. Lammert, Wm. Sheets, and William Large.

EDUCATION—Revs. Jacob Wesner, Isaiah Whitman, and Dr. N. D. Myers.

BENEVOLENCE—Revs. William Evans, Z. M. Corbet, and Mr. M. L. Deck.

DISCIPLINE—Revs. Luther Hogshead, A. E. Gift, J. M. G. Sappenfield, S. P. Fryberger, and A. V. House.

RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS—Revs J. M. G. Sappenfield, A. D. Crile and H. B. Reed.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS AND APPORTIONMENTS—Revs. I. Whitman, A. D. Crile. William Evans, and Messrs. J. S. Simon, H. H. Yaukey.

Special Committees.

ON YOUNG LUTHERAN—Revs. M. L. Wagner, Austin D. Crile, and Loran O. Pearch.

ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF—Revs. A. J. Reichert, D. L. Reese, and S. P. Fryberger.

ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION—Revs. M. L. Wagner and A. D. Crile.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DIECKMANN MEMORIAL HOME FOR THE AGED—Rev. M. L. Wagner, President; I. Whitman, Secretary; George A. A. Dieckmann, Treasurer; A. D. Crile, H. A. W. Yung, Dr. N. D. Myers, and Mr. James Bennihof.

At 3:30 a paper was presented by the Rev. Luther Hogshead on the subject, "Has the Church any Rivals?" The question was discussed until the hour of adjournment.

The minutes of the last two sessions were read and approved.

After devoting five days to presenting the truths of Scripture and considering the enlargement of the Church of Christ on earth, faithfully endeavoring to develop her agencies of education, missions and mercy within our bounds and to provide for the needs of the work entrusted to us, the twenty-ninth Convention of the Chicago Synod was brought to a fitting close by the President according to the prescribed order in the Church Book, Dr. Stirewalt pronouncing the benediction.

Soli Deo Gloria.

WILLIAM J. FINCK, Secretary.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

THURSDAY MORNING:

Opening Service.

Liturgical Service by the Secretary, Rev. William J. Finck.
Synodical Sermon by the President, Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., Ephesians 4:11–16.
Preparatory Service and Holy Communion.

THURSDAY EVENING:

Benevolence.

Opening Service by Rev. William Evans.
Sermon by the Rev. Prof. W. K. Frick.
Offerings for the Passavant Memorial Hospital at Chicago.
Closing Service by Rev. William Evans.

FRIDAY EVENING:

Education.

Liturgical Service by Rev. H. A. W. Yung.
Addresses on Education by Rev. A. D. Crile and Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D.
Offerings for Beneficiary Education.

SATURDAY EVENING:

Home Missions.

Liturgical Service by Rev. A. C. Anda.
Addresses by Dr. Sadtler and Rev. H. A. W. Yung.
Offerings for Beneficiary Education.

SUNDAY MORNING:

Ordination.

Liturgical Service in charge of the Officers of Synod.
Sermon by Rev. S. Wagenhals, D.D.
Candidates, Harry B. Reed and Zenan M. Corbet.

SUNDAY EVENING:

Foreign Missions.

Liturgical Service by Rev. William J. Finck and Rev. Loran O. Pearch.
Sermon by Rev. J. Telleen, Superintendent of the Foreign Mission Board of the General Council.
Offerings for the General Council Mission Field in India.

APPORTIONMENTS.

Pastors and Pastorates.	Congregations.	Home Missions.....	Foreign Missions.....	Education.....	Synodical Expenses.....	Ministerial Relief.....	Total.....
Alamo, (vacant).....	Phanuel.....	11 96	1 84	2 76	1 38	46	18 40
	Emanuel	8 37	1 28	1 92	96	32	12 80
	Philadelphia	3 90	60	90	45	15	6 00
Anderson, Rev. W. J. Finck.....	St. John's. ..	13 00	2 00	3 00	1 50	50	20 00
	Mt. Zion's...	7 02	1 08	1 62	81	27	10 80
Chicago, Rev. W. Evans.....	Holy Trinity	66 04	10 16	15 24	7 62	2 54	101 60
Chicago, Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph.D...	St. John's ...	12 22	1 88	2 82	1 41	47	18 80
Chicago, Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D.....	Wicker Park	65 00	10 00	15 00	7 50	2 50	100 00
Chicago, Rev. Z. M. Corbet.....	St. Mark's ..	29 90	5 60	6 90	3 45	1 15	46 00
Chicago, (supplied).....	St. James'...	2 02	28	42	21	07	3 00
Chicago, Rev. Geo. P. Kabele.....	St. Matt'w's.	6 50	1 00	1 50	75	25	10 00
Chicago, Rev. H. B. Reed..... ...	St. Peter's...	6 50	1 00	1 50	75	25	10 00
Claremont, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield.	St. James'...	34 32	5 28	7 92	3 96	1 32	52 80
Colburn, (vacant).....	St. John's. ..	17 16	2 64	3 96	1 98	66	26 40
	Zion's.....	14 82	2 28	3 42	1 71	57	22 80
	Bethel.....	14 30	2 20	3 30	1 65	55	22 00
Corydon, Rev. L. O. Pearch.....	Mt. Solomon.	22 75	3 50	5 25	2 62	88	35 00
Crisman, (supplied).....	Hope...	9 10	1 40	2 10	1 05	35	14 00
Decatur, Rev. H. A. W. Yung.....	First English	24 48	3 72	5 58	2 79	93	37 50
E. Germantown, Rev. J. Wesner.....	Zion's.....	9 36	1 44	2 16	1 08	36	14 40
	St. Jacob's ..	8 84	1 36	2 04	1 08	34	13 60
	St. John's ...	8 06	1 24	1 86	93	31	12 40
Ft. Wayne, Rev. S. Wagenhals, D.D..	Holy Trinity	163 54	25 16	37 74	18 87	6 29	251 60
Frankfort, Rev. D. L. Reese.....	St. Paul's. ..	18 46	2 84	4 26	2 13	71	28 40
Gila, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfie'd.....	Union.	45 24	6 96	10 44	5 22	1 74	69 60
Goshen, Rev. A. C. Anda.....	First English	45 50	7 00	10 50	5 25	1 75	70 00
Hicksville, Rev. Luther Hogshead....	St. John's ...	15 08	2 32	3 48	1 74	58	23 20
	Lost Creek ..	17 68	2 72	4 08	2 04	68	27 20
	Zion's.....	7 28	1 12	1 68	84	28	11 20
Mulberry, Rev. A. J. Reichert.....	Zion's.....	37 70	5 80	8 70	4 35	1 45	68 00
	Fairhaven...	26 00	4 00	6 00	3 00	1 00	40 00
Newberry, Rev. I. Whitman.....	St. Peter's...	17 42	2 68	4 02	2 01	67	26 80
	Mt. Zion's...	13 78	2 12	3 18	1 69	53	21 20
Portland, Rev. C. L. V. Dozer.	Zion's.....	7 02	1 08	1 62	81	27	10 00
Rochester, Rev. A. E. Gift.....	St. Paul's ...	24 18	3 72	5 58	2 79	93	37 20
	St. John's...	14 56	2 24	3 36	1 68	56	22 40
	St. Paul's...	9 10	1 40	2 10	1 05	35	14 00
Syracuse, (vacant).....	Emanuel	14 56	2 24	3 36	1 68	56	22 40
	Syracuse	5 72	88	1 32	66	22	8 80
Vandalia, Rev. M L. Wagner.....	St. James'...	21 58	3 32	4 98	2 49	83	33 20
	Union.	4 42	68	1 02	51	17	5 80
Whitestown, Rev. S. P. Fryberger...	Salem.	35 36	5 44	8 16	3 08	1 36	54 40
	St. Mark's ..	36 92	5 68	8 52	4 26	1 42	56 80
	St. James'...	26 30	4 20	6 30	3 15	1 05	42 00
Total Amount Apportioned	.....	1009 30	155 20	232 80	116 40	38 80	1552 50
Total Amount Appropriated.....	....	1300 00	200 00	300 00	150 00	50 00	2000 00

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Pastors and Pastorates.	Congregations.	Confirmed Members	Communed during the year	Infant Baptisms	Catechumens	ACCESSIONS: By Adult Baptism	By Confirmation	From Lutheran Churches	From other Churches	By Restoration	LOSSES: By Death	By Removal	By Exclusion
Alamo, Rev. J. Wesner, (supply)	Phanuel	46	....	2	...	1	...	..	..	..	1	..	..
	Emanuel	32	....	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
	Philadelphia	15	....	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Anderson, Rev. W. J. Finck	St. John's	62	47	9	10	4	6	1	..	..	..	5	..
	Mt. Zion's	27	17	4	...	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Chicago, Rev. W. Evans	Holy Trinity	254	200	3	24	5	20	12	1	2	2	4	..
Chicago, Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph.D	St. John's	84	70	4	10	1	5	6	..	..	1	2	..
Chicago, Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D	Wicker Park	180	140	10	40	..	26	..	1	..	2	24	..
Chicago, Rev. A. T. Clay	St. Mark's	115	78	10	30	1	11	15	2	..	..	2	..
Chicago, Rev. M. E. Boulton	St. James'	12	....	4	...	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chicago, Rev. Geo. P. Kabele	St. Matt'w's.	52	42	10	...	2	9	14	3	..	..	5	..
Chicago, Student H. B. Reed	St. Peter's	40	26	4	19	1	...	1	5	3	..	..	..
Claremont, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield	St. James'	132	....	7	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..
Colburn, (vacant)	St. John's	66	....	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Zion's	55	48	2	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
	Bethel	55	....	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Corydon, Rev. L. O. Pearch	Mt. Solomon	125	85	5	20	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Crisman, (supplied)	Hope	54	....	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Decatur, Rev. H. A. W. Yung	First English	115	75	4	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
E. Germantown, Rev. J. Wesner	Zion's	36	30	1	...	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..
	St. Jacob's	34	28	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	St. John's	31	27	..	...	1	..	2	..	..	2	..	..
Ft. Wayne, Rev. S. Wagenhals, D.D	Holy Trinity	629	....	14	20	3	19	6	3	..	2	13	..
Frankfort, Rev. D. L. Reese	St. Paul's	71	63	1	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Gila, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield	Union	174	176	..	...	1	3	..	..	..	1	23	2
Goshen, Rev. A. C. Anda	First English	175	120	1	...	2	7	2	..	4	1	5	2
Hicksville, Rev. Luther Hogshead	St. John's	58	50	..	13	1	2	..	1	..	..	9	..
	Lost Creek	68	....	6	9	..	4	6	..	..	1	1	..
	Zion's	28	...	..	...	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mulberry, Rev. A. J. Reichert	Zion's	145	115	2	14	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..
	Fairhaven	100	82	7	...	..	2	..	..	..	2	1	..
Newberry, Rev. I. Whitman	St. Peter's	67	40	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
	Mt. Zion's	53	42	1	...	1	3	..	..	1	1	..	..
Portland, Rev. C. L. V. Dozer	Zion's	34	12	..	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	5	..
Rochester, Rev. A. E. Gift	St. Paul's	93	89	1	14	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..
	St. John's	56	35	1	...	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Syracuse, (vacant)	St. Paul's	35	....	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Emanuel	56	....	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Syracuse	22	....	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vandalia, Rev. M. L. Wagner	St. James'	83	63	5	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Whitestown, Rev. S. P. Fryberger	Union	17	17	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Salem	136	..	1	...	8	4	..	1	..	3	8	..
	St. Mark's	142	....	..	...	1	..	..	..	..	1	15	5
	St. James'	105	....	..	...	7	5	..	1	..	..	19	..
Alexandria, (unorganized)	.....	....	....	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	(44)	3879	1767	119	263	45	132	68	19	10	34	152	9
Last Year	(43)	4051	2021	172	214	64	185	80	31	2	60	111	7

September 1, 1898, to May 25, 1899.

SUNDAY SCHOOL						BENEFICENCE.									
Number	Teachers and Officers	Pupils	Income	Estimated Value of Church Property	Total Local Expenses	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Synodical Expenses	Church Extension	Orphan Work	Educational Institutions	Local or other Benevolence	Total Beneficence	Total Expenditures
1	7	50	.....	2600	113 61	7 97	....	3 07	1 23	....	.....	.....	.....	12 26	125 87
1	6	25	4 20	300	50 00	2 00	....	....	1 00	....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	53 00
..	..	....	.....	200	20 00	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
1	9	86	31 95	5500	1400 00	9 33	....	3 73	1 60	3 90	.....	.....	.....	18 56	1418 56
..	..	....	.....	1500	46 00	4 68	....	1 80	72	1 90	.....	.....	.....	9 10	55 10
1	15	175	250 00	54000	2238 00	108 90	....	45 50	20 60	....	.....	25 00	10 00	.....	2448 00
1	12	93	56 40	9000	770 00	14 50	5 00	5 00	1 50	....	.....	10 00	12 54	48 54	818 54
1	30	400	200 00	15000	2000 00	41 58	....	40 26	21 80	47 60	30 00	10 00	25 00	216 24	2216 24
1	16	260	132 00	400	600 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	9	61	35 00	.....	.....	1 60	....	....	....	....	1 00	.....	.....	2 60	.....
1	7	120	40 00	2400	960 37	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	21 75	21 75	982 12
2	21	300	80 38	3800	320 00	3 40	....	1 48	42	....	.....	.....	.....	5 30	325 30
1	10	154	20 00	1200	220 00	23 37	....	9 00	3 63	....	.....	.....	.....	36 00	256 00
1	15	60	.....	1400	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	8	55	15 00	1600	175 00	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	22 00	197 00
1	11	45	.....	1800	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	7	25	5 00	600	260 00	9 00	4 00	....	2 00	....	.....	.....	5 00	20 00	280 00
3	12	120	.....	750	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	18	170	.....	26200	618 48	15 46	6 01	6 96	2 24	9 10	.....	10 22	6 70	56 00	675 13
1	8	57	25 00	2500	164 73	10 23	....	3 93	1 58	....	.....	.....	.....	15 73	180 46
1	9	35	5 00	2000	110 00	5 89	23	2 26	87	....	.....	.....	.....	9 25	119 25
1	7	23	17 00	1000	117 75	5 20	....	2 00	80	....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	125 75
1	25	200	160 00	50000	1600 00	159 00	25 00	61 00	24 00	25 00	80 00	400 00	100 00	874 00	2474 00
1	14	120	.....	3000	600 00	24 70	....	9 50	3 80	9 50	.....	.....	.....	47 50	647 50
1	5	45	3 50	2000	230 00	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	12	100	73 39	10000	800 43	32 07	5 00	12 33	4 93	10 68	.....	.....	.....	65 01	955 44
1	20	87	14 85	4000	300 00	14 35	....	5 27	2 38	11 70	.....	.....	10 00	44 70	344 70
1	17	83	12 40	5000	338 00	14 85	....	5 52	2 63	....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	362 00
1	5	40	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	17	154	115 00	9500	2411 00	26 06	60 00	9 32	3 68	....	.....	59 00	25 00	195 06	2606 00
1	17	81	20 00	7000	450 00	15 00	3 00	12 00	2 00	....	.....	13 00	.....	45 00	495 00
1	11	70	14 00	1600	152 30	11 79	1 87	4 53	1 81	....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	172 30
1	10	90	25 74	1000	229 64	12 02	3 00	3 27	1 31	....	.....	.....	.....	19 60	249 24
1	5	28	4 15	2500	779 44	....	....	....	3 32	1 00	.....	.....	.....	4 32	783 76
1	7	37	11 00	4500	128 03	32 21	....	3 35	1 75	...	.....	25 00	.....	62 31	190 31
1	5	90	.....	6000	65 00	15 81	5 00	....	1 25	...	.....	.....	.....	22 06	87 06
..	..	....	.....	800	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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1	10	149	281 43	13500	639 83	14 56	....	5 60	2 24	...	.....	.....	15 00	37 40	677 23
1	..	....	.....	1000	34 00	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	8	68	18 00	4000	293 00	23 22	....	8 90	3 56	...	.....	.....	.....	35 68	328 68
1	10	75	14 00	4000	262 00	28 08	10 17	10 80	4 32	...	8 40	.....	9 41	71 18	333 18
1	9	52	11 20	3000	293 20	20 24	....	7 40	2 96	...	.....	.....	9 00	39 60	332 80
1	3	40	.....	.....	52 76	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 76
44	418	3918	1695 49	267250	19797 56	703 07	128 27	287 78	125 93	120 38	129 40	552 22	249 40	2112 40	21376 28
38	378	3286	1610 36	258700	16668 20	563 51	121 75	167 03	82 00	88 37	138 65	468 00	112 94	1711 35	19563 51

REGISTER OF CONGREGATIONS.

NAME.	PARISH.	LOCATION.
Holy Trinity	Holy Trinity	LaSalle Ave. and Elm St., Chicago.
Wicker Park	Wicker Park	N. Hoyne and LeMoyne, Chicogo.
St. John's	Hyde Park	Indiana Ave., south of Sixty-first St., Chicago.
St. Mark's	St. Mark's	Clark St. and Addison Ave., Chicago.
St. Peter's	St. Peter's	Spaulding Ave. and LeMoyne St., Chicago.
St. Matthew's	St. Matthew's	Flournoy St., near W. 47th Ave., Chicago.
St. James'	Vandalia	Vandalia, Illinois.
First English	Decatur	N. Main and William Sts., Decatur, Illinois.
St. James'	Claremont	Claremont, Richland county, Illinois.
Union	Gila	Gila, Illinois.
Hope	Crisman	Crisman, Indiana.
Holy Trinity	Fort Wayne	Wayne and Clinton Sts., Fort Wayne, Indiana.
First English	Goshen	Goshen, Indiana.
St. Mark's	Whitestown	Whitestown, Indiana.
St. James'	Whitestown	Near Darlington, Mont. county, Indiana.
Salem	Whitestown	New Augusta, Indiana.
Union	Whitestown	East of Whitestown, Indiana.
St. Paul's	Syracuse	Benton, Elkhart county, Indiana.
Emanuel	Syracuse	S. W. of Napanee, Kosciusko county, Indiana.
Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse, Kosicusko county, Indiana.
Emanuel	Alamo	Near Hillsboro, Fountain county, Indiana.
Phanuel	Alamo	Near Alamo, Fountain county, Indiana.
Philadelphia	Alamo	Near Milligan, Park county, Indiana
St. John's	Colburn	Near Owasco, Carroll county, Indiana.
Zion's	Colburn	Colburn, Tippecanoe county, Indiana.
Bethel	Colburn	Pettit, Tippecanoe county, Indiana.
Zion's	E. Germantown	East Germantown, Wayne county, Indiana.
St. John's	E. Germantown	Middletown, Henry county, Indiana.
St. Jacob's	E. Germantown	Millville, Henry county, Indiana.
St. Paul's	Rochester	Tiosa, Fulton county, Indiana.
St. John's	Rochester	Bruces' Lake, Fulton county, Indiana.
Zion's	Mulberry	Mulberry, Indiana.
Fairhaven	Mulberry	Near Mulberry, Indiana.
St. Peter's	Newberry	Newberry, Greene county, Indiana.
Mt. Zion's	Newberry	Monroe City, Knox county, Indiana.
St. John's	Anderson	Anderson, Indiana.
Mt. Zion's	Anderson	Ovid, Madison county, Indiana.
Mt. Solomon	Corydon	Near Corydon, Indiana.
Zion's	Portland	Portland, Indiana.
St. Paul's	Frankfort	Frankfort, Indiana.
Zion's	Hicksville	Hall's Corner, Allen county, Indiana.
St. John's	Hicksville	Hicksville, Ohio.
Lost Creek	Hicksville	North of Hicksville, Ohio.

THE PROPOSED BY-LAWS.

I. The Quorum.

1. The Quorum of regular and special meetings of Synod shall be one-third of the clerical members, and no less than three lay delegates.

2. The Quorum of any committee meeting shall be a majority of its members, unless otherwise provided for.

II. Committees.

1. STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. The Committee on Examination shall consist of five clerical members. Its duty shall be to examine all applicants for ordination or reception, according to Article XII., of the Constitution. When the committee is satisfied that the requirements of the Constitution are fulfilled in the case of any applicant, it shall recommend his ordination or reception; but in no case shall it recommend an applicant of whose fitness or qualifications it is not satisfied.

2. The Committee on Foreign Missions shall consist of two ministers and one layman. They shall arrange for a Foreign Mission service at each annual meeting of Synod; and shall do all they can to spread Foreign Mission information in the congregations of Synod, and in every way possible urge congregations to give liberally for the furtherance of the work among the heathen.

3. The Committee on Home Missions shall consist of nine members, five clerical and four lay. Its quorum shall consist of a majority of its clerical members and no less than one layman. It shall have power to elect a president, secretary, treasurer and missionary director from its own members. It shall encourage the formation of such missions within the bounds of Synod as circumstances may suggest and means permit.

4. The Committee on Education shall consist of three members, two ministers and one layman, whose duty it shall be carefully to examine all applicants for beneficiary aid, and recommend such as are worthy, and also recommend the amount deemed necessary each year to supplement the amount he may possess. It shall

recommend no one for aid below the Freshman class at college. This committee shall adopt such rules, not in conflict with these by-laws, as they may deem necessary for their guidance in selecting beneficiaries and appropriating aid.

5. The Committee on Benevolence shall consist of three members, two clerical and one lay. It shall arrange a service at each annual meeting of Synod devoted to the cause of charity and works of mercy, and shall do all in its power to arouse a prayerful liberality in the congregations connected with Synod in behalf of the sick, the aged, the orphan, and the needy.

6. The Committee on Discipline shall consist of five clerical members. To this committee shall be referred all cases arising under Article XIV., of the Constitution of Synod.

7. The Committee on Reception of Congregations shall consist of two clerical members and one layman. They shall consider all applications of congregations for membership in this body and shall report proper action in each case.

8. The Committee on Parochial Reports and Apportionments shall consist of five members, three clerical and two lay, though all lay delegates may be present at the open meetings of this committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to apportion the amount needed to carry on the work of the Synod among the congregations according to their strength, and to tabulate the Parochial Reports of congregations for publication and preservation.

2. REGULAR COMMITTEES.

The following committees shall be appointed by the President at the beginning of each convention. These committees shall be constituted as designated, shall perform the work suggested by their name, and shall report before the close of the convention, and when their reports are adopted, they shall stand dismissed:

1. On Credentials of Lay Delegates—Three Ministers.
2. On President's Report—Three Members.
3. On Treasurer's Report—Three Laymen.
4. On Protocol and Minutes of Previous Meeting—Two Members.
5. On Absentees—Two Ministers and One Layman.
6. On Proceedings of Conferences—Secretaries of Conferences.
7. On Local Press and Church Papers—One reporter for each paper.

III. Order of Business.

1. Every regular convention of Synod shall begin with the Confessional and Morning Service of the Church Book, including the sermon by the President and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. After the Benediction, the necessary committees shall be announced.

2. The first session for business shall be opened and the last closed according to the provided orders of the Church Book. Other sessions shall be opened and closed with devotional services conducted by the President, or some one appointed by him.

3. After the formal opening of Synod, the following shall be the order of procedure:

1. Roll call of Ministers.
2. Report of Committee on Credentials of Lay Delegates.
3. Enrollment of Applicants for the Ministry and Visiting Ministers.
4. Enrollment of Congregations.
5. President's Report.
6. Report of Committee on Examination.
7. Appointment of Three Tellers; Election of Officers, (one Trustee, and Delegates to Convention of General Council.)
8. Appointment of Regular Committees.
9. Completion of Standing Committees.
10. Call for papers intended for Synod, and reference to proper committees.
11. Announcement of business by any member to be brought up at a later time.
12. Annual Report of Treasurer.
13. Report of Special Committees.
14. Report of Standing Committees.
15. Report of Delegates to General Council.
16. Report af Regular Committees.
17. Unfinished Business.
18. New Business.
19. Time and place for next convention.
20. (For last session only.)
    (a) Appointment of Standing Committees.
    (b) Announcement of Special Committees.
    (c) Reading and Correction of Minutes of last Session.
    (d) Adjournment according to prescribed order.

IV. Parochial Reports.

Every member of Synod in the active ministry as a pastor or supply shall carefully fill out the parochial blanks furnished by Synod, one for each congregation he serves, and send the same to the chairman of the proper committee at least ten days before each each annual convention.

V. Remittances to the Treasurer.

Payments on Apportionment must be made quarterly. The last payment must be in the hands of the Treasurer at least ten days before the beginning of the annual meeting of Synod, when the Treasurer must close his accounts and prepare his report for Synod.

VI. The Archives.

1. The Synod shall provide common Archives for all its proceedings in Synod and Conference, in which shall be kept and preserved full sets of the printed Minutes, the Protocol as each volume is filled, the books containing the minutes of the conferences as each book is completed or superceded by others, all important records, letters, papers, documents, memorials, etc., falling into the hands of officers or committees at the different conventions of Synod, all biographical sketches of deceased members prepared at request of Synod, and all records and written histories of congregations coming into possession of Synod.

2. The Synod shall annually appoint a keeper of the Archives who shall have charge of the same, keep them in order, see to their proper preservation and make an annual report of their condition and needs.

3. No paper or record belonging to the Archives shall be given away or destroyed, or be loaned out by the keeper, except by permission of the President.

VII. Parliamentary Guide.

Robert's Rules of Order shall decide all questions of procedure arising at any meeting, not provided for by the Constitution and these By-Laws.

VIII. Remuneration of Officers.

1. The Secretary shall receive twenty dollars for his services in transcribing and publishing Minutes of Synod.

2. The Treasurer shall be allowed ten dollars for his services each year.

IX. Amendments.

1. These By-Laws cannot be amended except upon a written notice given at a previous annual meeting, and by a two-thirds vote of all present.

2. Any one of these By-Laws may be set aside for the time of any convention by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

The Proposed Plan for Regulating Beneficiary Education.

I. The Object.

The object of Synod in this department of its work is to aid, not to support, young men in preparing for the ministry.

II. Appropriations.

1. The amount of aid which the Synod shall appropriate to any applicant, to supplement that which he has earned or otherwise secured, shall not exceed the sum of $100 for any given year.

2. Every appropriation made by Synod to applicants shall be considered as a provisional loan. The student shall give at the end of each scholastic year his note, without interest, payable to the Treasurer of Synod.

3. When the student has been ordained to the ministry, his notes shall all be exchanged for one note covering the aggregate of all money loaned to him.

4. Should he after his ordination engage in work in a field which in the opinion of the committee will not enable him to make a return, the committee shall credit him with such an amount as they see fit, not, however, to exceed $100 per year. Otherwise one-seventh of the note shall fall due each successive year until the note is cancelled or paid.

5. An order upon the Treasurer of Synod for one-third of the amount of aid granted shall be sent by the chairman of the committee to each beneficiary upon the first day of October, January and April.

III. Requirements and Qualifications of Students.

1. Every applicant for aid as a beneficiary of the Synod shall be a member in good standing in the Lutheran Church and prepared to enter the Freshman class at college, and every such applicant for aid shall be requested to present a written testimonial

from his pastor with reference to his moral character, piety and scholarship, respectively.

2. During the first year the beneficiary shall be regarded as a probationer.

3. At the close of each term, the faculty of the institution he is attending shall be requested to send to the chairman of the Committee on Education a report as to the scholastic attainments and Christian character of the beneficiary.

IV. General Obligations of Beneficiaries.

I solemnly declare that it is my serious intention and purpose to prepare myself for the Gospel Ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. I therefore promise ever to continue faithful to the doctrines and usages of said Evangelical Lutheran Church as set forth in her symbols, and as held and practiced by the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. I further promise faithfully and diligently to pursue the studies assigned to me, and to observe carefully all the regulations of the college or seminary in which I may be placed. I also promise to hold no connection with any fraternity or secret society, but by the grace of God to lead a truly Christian life so long as I am a beneficiary of the Chicago Synod. I promise further, that in case my name be stricken from the roll of beneficiaries for any reason satisfactory to Synod, or if I fail to fulfill any of the promises above made, or if I depart from the doctrines and usages of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, or if I should be ordained by or connected with any Synod or body not in doctrinal harmony and sympathy with this Synod, or if I conclude not to devote myself to the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, that I will within three years thereafter repay to this Synod the whole amount of money received therefrom with 6 per cent. interest thereon from date of receiving it.

..... } Witnesses. Signed .....
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V. Funds.

1. The Treasurer of Synod shall keep all money contributed to Synod for Education as a separate Educational Fund, to be applied only for Beneficiary Education under order from Synod.

2. The moneys repaid by Beneficiaries shall go into this fund to be used as above specified.

3. These regulations shall go into force at the first annual meeting of the Synod following their final adoption.

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NEXT CONVENTION,

Thursday, June 7, 1900, Hicksville, Ohio,

Rev. Luther Hogshead, Pastor Loci.

Publications of General Council.

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1. **Church Book.** New edition with Common Service. Large size. Small size in one and two volumes. Altogether 23 styles.
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9. **Constitution for Congregations.** German or English.
10. **Constitution, By-Laws and Charter of General Council,** German or English.
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16. **Bible Stories.** Lessons for the Intermediate Department.
17. **Bible History.** Lessons for the Secondary Department.

If these publications are secured direct from the GENERAL COUNCIL'S BOARD OF PUBLICATION, all the surplus from sales will go to the Mission Treasuries of the Council.

Address Mr. CHAS. B. OPP, Manager, 1204 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

The Foreign Missionary. An illustrated monthly, issued at Philadelphia, in the interests of the Mission in India.

Missionsbote. The German Foreign Mission paper, issued monthly. Illustrated.

Siloah. The German Home Mission paper. Monthly. Illustrated.

All profits on these papers are devoted to the Missions of the General Council. The agent for these three periodicals is

REV. H. GRAHN, D.D., 1235 N. 29th St., Philadelphia.

Officers of Synod.

President, Prof. G. H. GERBERDING, D.D., Chicago, Ill.
Secretary, Rev. WILLIAM J. FINCK, Anderson, Ind.
Treasurer, Mr. D. J. MILLER, Middletown, Ind.

Benevolent Work of Synod.

All contributions made under the head of Synodical Apportionment are devoted to the following five objects:

Foreign Missions in India under the control of the General Council.
Home Missions of the Chicago Synod and of the General Council.
Beneficiary Education in College and Seminary.
Ministerial Relief.
Synodical Expenses.

The following educational, charitable and missionary enterprises are earnestly commended by Synod to the prayerful consideration and liberality of all congregations:

The Theological Seminary, No. 1311 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago.
Jewish Missions, Rev. E. N. Heimann, 1305 Waveland Av., Chicago.
Passavant Memorial Hospital, 192 East Superior St., Chicago.
Passavant Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Illinois.
Deaconess Work, Mother-House, Milwaukee, Wis.
Church Extension of the General Council.
Home for the Aged, Vandalia, Ill.
Orphan Work, Zelienople, Pa.

CALL FOR WORKERS.

Deaconesses. Young women, members in good and regular standing of our Evangelical Lutheran Congregations, between the ages of 18 and 40, are earnestly urged to consider the call to become Deaconesses. Widows without children, meeting the above requirements, are also eligible. Unlimited opportunities to serve the Master are offered in this calling. Address,

Rev. W. A. PASSAVANT, or Sister MARTHA GENSIKE,
Mother-House, Milwaukee, Wis.

Trained Nurses. A number of young Christian women between the ages of 20 and 35, with a good common school education, are wanted to take a two years' course to become trained nurses. Pupil-nurses are provided with board and wash and receive four dollars a month for their services. The next term begins September 1, 1899. Address Mrs. LUTA B. WATERS, Supt.
Pass. Mem. Hospital, 192 E. Superior St. Chicago.

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THIRTIETH CONVENTION

CHICAGO SYNOD

HICKSVILLE, OHIO,
1900

CALENDAR.

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August 19—Tenth Sunday after Trinity. The day appointed for the commemoration of Jewish Missions.

October 4—Thursday, 10:00 a. m., Chicago Theological Seminary opens.

October 31—Festival of the Reformation.

It is recommended by the General Council, that on the Sunday nearest this Festival, offerings be made for its Home Mission Work in every Sunday School and Congregation.

November 15—Donation Day at Passavant Memorial Hospital, 192 E. Superior St., Chicago.

November 22—Donation Day at Passavant Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Ill.

December 2—First Sunday in Advent.

1901.

January 1—Circumcision of Christ—New Year.

January 6—Epiphany.

It is recommended by the General Council, that during the Epiphany Season, offerings be made for Foreign Missions.

February 20—Ash Wednesday, or First Day of Lent.

It is recommended by the General Council, that during Lent, self-denial offerings be made for Church Extension.

April 7—Easter.

April 24—Thursday, 8:00 p. m., Annual Commencement of Chicago Theological Seminary.

May 16—Ascension Day.

May 26—Whitsunday.

May 29—Wednesday, 10:00 a. m., Thirty-first Convention of Chicago Synod, Tiosa, Fulton Co., Ind.

Officers of the General Council.

President, Rev. Mattis C. Ranseen, D.D., 79 West Huron st., Chicago, Ill.
Secretary, Rev. William K. Frick, 2305 Cedar St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Treasurer, William H. Staake, Esq., 133 S. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Superintendent Home Missions, Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, Greensburg, Pa.
Superintendent Foreign Missions, Rev. John Telleen, Rock Island, Ill.

MINUTES

Thirtieth Annual Convention

Chicago Synod

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

HELD IN

St. John's Church, Hicksville, Ohio,

JUNE 7-11, 1900.

BENHAM-CRAVENS PRINTERY
ANDERSON, INDIANA.

MINUTES.

OPENING SERVICE.

The Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church was held in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hicksville, Ohio, Rev. Luther Hogshead, pastor, beginning June 7, 1900, at 10:00 a. m. The convention began with the Confessional and Morning Services of the Church Book, followed by the Synodical Sermon by the President, Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., based on St. John 15:26, 27, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

After the benediction, the President announced the names of the Committees on Examination, Credentials of Lay Delegates, and Reception of Congregations.

FIRST SESSION.

St. John's Church, Hicksville, Ohio,

Thursday, June 7, 1900, 2 p. m.

The President opened the first business session according to the Order of the Church Book.

The Roll of Ministers was called and the Committee on Credentials presented a list of lay delegates.

Report of the Committee on Examination.

The following named brethren appeared before the Examining Committee with a view to becoming members of this body:

1. Rev. P. C. Wike, pastor of the Colburn charge, who has been regularly dismissed from the Tennessee Synod.

2. Rev. Paul William Herman Frederick, pastor of St. James' Church, Chicago, who was recently ordained by the President of this body.

3. Rev. Alonzo H. Arbaugh, pastor of the Syracuse charge, also recently ordained by the President of Synod.

These brethren having fulfilled all the requirements of the Constitution, and satisfied your committee as to their harmony

with the Synod, are respectfully recommended for reception into full membership. THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted and the brethren were requested to sign the Constitution, upon which their names were added to the clerical roll.

ROLL OF MINISTERS.

NAME.	ORDINATION	PARISH.	ADDRESS.
Rev. J. Good, a. e.	1850	No Charge.	Whitestown, Indiana.
Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, D.D., a.e.	1859	No Charge.	New Augusta, Indiana.
Rev. J. Wesner,	1861	E. Germanto'n.	New Castle, Indiana.
Rev. A. V. House,	1864	No Charge.	Arcadia, Indiana.
Rev. S. Wagenhals, D.D.,	1868	Fort Wayne.	Fort Wayne, Indiana.
Rev. C. Kœrner, a. e.	1869	No Charge.	521 LaSalle Av., Chicago.
Prof. R. F. Weidner, D.D., a.	1873	Professor.	1311 Sheffield Av., Chicago.
Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield,	1874	Gila.	Gila, Illinois.
Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D.,	1876	Professor.	1315 Waveland Av., Chi'go.
Rev. M. L. Wagner,	1884	Vandalia.	Vandalia, Illincis.
Rev. William J. Finck,	1887	Anderson.	Anderson, Indiana.
Rev. W. A Sadtler, Ph.D.,	1888	Hyde Park.	5858 Indiana Av., Chicago.
Rev. D. L. Reese,	1889	Whitestown.	Whitestown, Indiana.
Rev. Albert J. Reichert,	1890	Mulberry.	Mulberry, Indiana.
Rev. A. T. Clay, Ph.D., a.	1892	Professor.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev A. C. Anda,	1894	Goshen.	Goshen, Indiana.
Rev. C. L V. Dozer,	1895	Portland.	Alexandria, Indiana.
Rev. Isaiah Whitman,	1896	Alamo.	Wallace, Fountain Co., Ind.
Rev. William Evans,	1896	Holy Trinity.	87 Hill St., Chicago.
Rev. Austin D. Crile,	1897	Financial Agt.	81 LeMoyne St., Chicago.
Rev. Luther Hogshead,	1897	Hicksville.	Hicksville, Ohio.
Rev. Loran O. Pearch,	1898	Corydon.	White Cloud, Indiana.
Rev. George P. Kabele,	1898	St. Matthew's.	1675 Flournoy St., Chicago.
Rev Harry B. Reed,	1899	St. Peter's.	66 Beach Av., Chicago.
Rev. Zenan M. Corbet,	1899	St. Mark's.	1311 Sheffield Av., Chic'go.
Rev. Polycarp C. Wike, r.	1886	Colburn.	Colburn, Indiana.
Rev. Alonzo H. Arbaugh, r.	1899	Syracuse.	Syracuse, Indiana.
Prof. P. W. H. Frederick, r.	1899	St. James'.	1313 Waveland Av. Chi'go.

a, Absent: e, Excused: r, Received during the year.

Roll of Lay Delegates.

NAME.	PARISH.	RESIDENCE.
Josiah Rothenberger..	Mulberry.....	Mulberry, Ind.
Oliver O. Yung.....	First English.....	1104 N.Ch. St., Decatur.
Allen M. Wagner.....	Anderson.....	Eden, Hancock Co., Ind.
Allen Sellers.....	Hicksville.....	Williams Center, Ohio.
John B. Hupp.....	E. Germantown.....	Middletown, Ind.
John Rodenbarger....	Colburn...	Pearmont, Tippecanoe Co., Ind.
F. M. Umbaugh..	..Rochester	Talma, Fulton Co., Ind.
James A. Dunn.....	Syracuse.....	Millersburg, Ind.
C. T. A. Anderson....	Trinity.....	91 Dearborn St., Chicago.
Chas. Laughner	Whitestown	Whitestown, Ind.
Jacob E. Fine.....	Alamo.....	Wallace, Fountain Co., Ind.
William Eckert.....	South Bend,...	1311 Sheffield Av., Chicago.
M. E. Haberland	St. Matthew's,....	1311 Sheffield, Chicago.
W. D. Killian.....	Newberry.....	Newberry, Ind.
Henry K. Lantz.....	Lafayette.....	1311 Sheffield, Chicago.

Visiting Ministers.

At this and subsequent sessions the following brethren were welcomed and invited to a seat and voice in the convention:

Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, Superintendent General Council Home Missions;

Rev. S. H. Swingle, Stovertown, Ohio, Pittsburg Synod;

Rev. J. Telleen, Superintendent of General Council Foreign Missions.

Candidates for the Ministry.

The following Students of Theology were in attendance, and were granted the privilege of the floor:

W. H. Shepfer, Theological Seminary, Chicago;
Wm. Eckert, Theological Seminary, Chicago;
M. Edmund Haberland, Theological Seminary, Chicago;
Henry K. Lantz, Theological Seminary, Chicago.

Report of Committee on Reception of Congregations.

We, your Committee, report as follows:

Applications have been made by the following congregations:

1. St. Luke's English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Logan Square, Chicago.

2. Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lafayette, Ind.

3. Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, South Bend, Indiana.

Since these congregations have adopted the General Council Constitution recommended for congregations, or one in harmony with it, we recommend that these three congregations be received.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted item by item.

The President's Report.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—At the opening of this, our thirtieth annual convention, we may well say: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

Our synodical year has again been one crowded with momentous movements in the civil as well as in the religious world. Scarcely had the Peace Congress adjourned before the wires were flashing with news of wars and rumors of wars. The brave, patriotic, liberty-loving and devout Christian Africanders have been fighting a desperate and seemingly hopeless fight, against untold odds, for their hard-earned rights; while in a large part of the British Empire one of the most frightful famines of history has scourged a helpless, subject people. Hoary-headed China is torn and restless, and our Christian Missionaries seem to be in imminent peril. The unspeakable Turk still has his cruel hand upon the Christian Armenians, and our fellow-Lutherans in Finland are driven from their ancestral homes, to our hospitable shores, because they will not surrender the faith of the Reformation.

In our own dear land, strikes, riots, mobs, murders and lynchings have crowded one upon the other, and the spirit of misrule, lawlessness and anarchy seems to be marching through our borders. The great problems concerning the rights and duties of corporations, capital, and labor still press for a satisfactory solution. And now, we are on the eve of another absorbing, exciting and exasperating political campaign,—always dangerous and hurtful to the true Christian life in all our churches.

Truly, these are trying times for the Kingdom of God. The

watchmen on the walls of Zion need to be wide-awake, wise, fearless, and deeply in earnest for the safety and spiritual welfare of God's people. But, as we look abroad over the field of the Church. how sad the sight. False Christs, false prophets, false doctrines, and false ideas of what constitutes a true Christian life, are springing up on every side. The boldest attacks on the inspiration and integrity of the Bible, are made by professors who are training the future ministry. Heresies and heresy trials abound in the church conventions around us. The blighting and deadening effect is seen in decrease of gain, if not in actual loss of church membership. Have the Pergamos and the Laodicean Periods come upon the churches of our land?

True, as we look over our own dear Church, we have much to be thankful for. We are not troubled with heresy trials. In all our twenty-four theological seminaries there is not a professor who would be either inclined or allowed to attack the inspiration and integrity of the Divine Word. While others are losing in communicant membership, our growth goes on apace. We are increasing in our benevolence, and we hope, in most places, in vital Godliness. Brethren, we have the doctrines, we have the methods, we have the worship. Let us have the earnestness, the consecration and the fidelity, and all will be well. Given these characteristics and the time is at hand when more and more of the good, earnest people who are not satisfied in the unsound churches around us will find that there is one church in which the soul's wants are always satisfied. Yes, we verily believe, and the conviction grows from year to year, that if we are in doctrine and in spirit what we ought to be, that our dear Church will by and by win back more than she ever lost.

Within our own Synod we have much to give thanks for. With very few exceptions, most excellent work has been done in all our parishes. Catechisation is much more general and earnest than in former years. We believe that there is an increase in true SEEL-SORGE. Some of the long-standing vacancies have been happily filled. The waste-places are being builded again. New places are being occupied, and church expansion is the watchword of our Synod. The various reports will give us much reason to thank God and take courage.

It becomes our sad duty to chronicle the loss, by death, of one of our number.

The Rev. Amon Edward Gift, died after a lingering illness, at his home in Rochester, Ind., May 16, 1900, at the age of fifty-one years. During his whole ministerial life he was a member of our Synod and served faithfully his first and only charge. He leaves a widow and one child in straitened circumstances, and it behooves us at this convention to come to their assistance in this time of their need.

Resignations.

The Rev. I. Whitman resigned the Newberry charge, Sept. 24, 1899, to accept a call to the Alamo charge.

Rev. H. A. W. Yung, resigned the pastorate of the First English Lutheran Church, of Decatur, Illinois, April 1, 1900, and was dismissed to the Synod of the Northwest.

Rev. S. P. Freyberger resigned the Whitestown charge, April 15. He was dismissed to the Northern Indiana Synod.

Rev. D. L. Reese resigned St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Frankfort, Indiana, April 15, to accept a call to the Whitestown charge.

Ordinations.

On Sunday, July 23, in Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, candidate A. H. Arbaugh, having been recommended by the Examining Committee, was ordained by the President of Synod.

Professor Paul W. H. Frederick, being duly recommended by the Examining Committee, was ordained in St. James' Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago, on Sunday, January 7, 1900, by the President, assisted by the Rev. Dr. R. F. Weidner.

Installations.

Rev. Luther Hogshead was installed as Pastor of the Hicksville, Ohio, charge, June 18, 1899, by Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth and Rev. A. D. Crile.

Rev. Harry B. Reed was installed as Pastor of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago, on Sunday evening, July 2, 1899, by the President of Synod.

Rev. Zenan M. Corbet was installed by the President, on Sunday evening, July 9, as Pastor of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago.

Rev. A. H. Arbaugh, by the President, Sunday, July 23, in Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, as Pastor of the Syracuse, Indiana, charge.

Rev. P. C. Wike, was installed in Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, on Sunday, November 19, by Rev. D. L. Reese and Rev. A. J. Reichart, as Pastor of the Colburn charge.

Rev. I. Whitman was installed by the President, as Pastor of the Alamo charge, in Phanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, on Sunday, December 3, 1899.

Rev. A. D. Crile was installed as Pastor of Wicker Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago, December 31, 1899, by the Rev. Drs. H. W. Roth and R. F. Weidner.

Rev. Professor P. W. H. Frederick was installed as Pastor of St. James' Evangelical Lutheran Church, on Sunday, January 7, 1900. The President was assisted by the Rev. Dr. R. F. Weidner.

Corner-Stone Laying

On Sunday, May 27, 1900, the corner-stone of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, East Germantown, Indiana, was laid by the Pastor, Rev. J. Wesner.

Congregations Organized.

On January 6, 1900, Zion's English Lutheran Church, Lafayette, Indiana, was duly organized and will apply for admission into our Synod at this convention. The good work done at this place is due to the zealous and self-sacrificing labors of the Rev. A. J. Reichert, assisted by the Rev. D. L. Reese and Rev. P. C. Wike.

On January 9, 1900, Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized at South Bend, Indiana. This organization is due to the zeal and labor of the Rev. A. C. Anda. The congregation will apply for membership at this convention.

On June 1, 1900, St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized in Chicago, and will apply for admission.

Vacancies.

We have, at present, three vacancies in our Synod, viz.: Decatur, Illinois, Frankfort and Rochester, Indiana. It is hoped that the right men will soon be found for these important places.

Treasurer Pro Tem.

On February 22, having learned that our former Treasurer, D. J. Miller, had moved out of the bounds of our Synod, your President appointed the Rev. William J. Finck as Treasurer pro tem.

Recommendations.

1. Your President would most earnestly call the attention of Synod to the recommendations made a year ago and adopted by Synod, as to Luther Leagues, the circulation of the YOUNG LUTHERAN and of the LUTHERAN, the seeking out of candidates for the ministry of the Word and for the ministry of Mercy, and a more earnest effort on the part of every pastor to get support for our Chicago Seminary. He would also recall the resolutions passed by Synod, two years ago, as to the re-districting and division of some of our large charges.

2. In view of the many openings for new missions that present themselves on every side, your President recommends that the apportionment be raised from forty to fifty cents per communicant member.

3. That renewed efforts be made to distribute the Synod's edition of the YOUNG LUTHERAN in all our congregations, and to get THE LUTHERAN into all our families.

4. That on the resignation of a pastor, he at once inform the President of Synod, and advise with him as to a successor, and also instruct the congregation to do the same.

5. That a committee be appointed to prepare a minute on the death of the Rev. A. E. Gift. Also a committee to solicit subscriptions to cover the expenses of his burial.

And now, Brethren, with heartfelt thanks for all the forbearance, the courtesy and encouragement shown to me during these three years, that you have entrusted me with your highest office, I return to you the trust with the heart-felt prayer:

God Bless the Chicago Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. GERBERDING.

The report was received and referred to a committee to be appointed.

Election of Officers.

The President appointed as tellers, Rev. Geo. P. Kabele, Mr. William Eckert and Mr. C. T. A. Anderson.

The Rev. Dr. Wagenhals was elected President upon the first ballot, but at his urgent request his declination

was accepted. The result of the election was as follows:

PRESIDENT, Rev. M. L. Wagner, Vandalia, Illinois;
SECRETARY, Rev. William J. Finck, Anderson, Indiana;
TREASURER, Rev. Isaiah Whitman, Wallace, Fountain Co., Ind.

The hours for opening and closing the sessions were fixed as follows:—9:00 to 12:00 for the morning; 2:00 to 4:30 for the afternoon; sun time.

The Rev. J. C. Kunzmann addressed the Synod as the representative of the General Council Board of Home Missions. His address was followed by a discussion based on a set of resolutions offered by the Rev. A. D. Crile. The resolutions were pending when Synod adjourned.

The President appointed the following Committee on President's Report: Rev. Dr. Wagenhals, Rev. Luther Hogshead, and Rev. Dr. Sadtler.

The session was closed with prayer by the Rev. A. J. Reichert.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday, June 8, 1900, 9:00 a. m.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. George P. Kabele. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

It was resolved that the resolutions pending at the close of the last session and the report of the Home Mission Committee be made the first order for the Saturday morning session.

Election of Trustees.

Upon motion the Secretary cast the ballot for the election of A. G. Webber, Esq., for three years, making the list of trustees as follows:

Mr. Nels Johnson, Chicago, term expires 1901.
Mr. Wm. K. Wesner, Newberry, Indiana, term expires 1902.
A. G. Webber, Esq., Decatur, Illinois, term expires 1903.

The President completed the Standing Committees and appointed the Regular Committees, as follows:

Standing Committees.

EXAMINATION—Dr. S. Wagenshals, Rev. J. Wesner, A. D. Crile, P. C. Wike, and I. Whitman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Dr. Sadtler, Rev. L. O. Peach, and Mr. Josiah Rothenberger.

HOME MISSIONS—Rev. A. C. Anda, Dr. Gerberding, A. J. Reichert, Dr. Sadtler, G. P. Kabele, and Mr. C. T. A. Anderson.

EDUCATION—Rev. J. Wesner, I. Whitman, and Mr. F. M. Umbaugh.

BENEVOLENCE—Rev. William Evans, Z. M. Corbet, and Mr. Allen Sellers.

DISCIPLINE—Rev. A. V. House, P. W. H. Frederick, Luther Hogshead, J. M. G. Sappenfield, and Mr. Oliver O. Yung.

RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS—Rev. C. L. V. Dozer, A. D. Crile, A. H. Arbaugh, and Mr. John B. Hupp.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS AND APPORTIONMENT—Rev. I. Whitman, D. L. Reese, W. Evans, and Messrs. James A. Dunn, and Jacob E. Fine.

Regular Committees.

ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT—Dr. Wagenhals, Dr. Sadtler, and Rev. Luther Hogshead.

ON TREASURER'S REPORT—Messrs. C. T. A. Anderson, Chas. Laughner, and M. E. Haberland.

ON PROTOCOL AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CONVENTION—Rev. A. J. Reichert, Z. M. Corbet, and Mr. William Eckert.

ON ABSENTEES—Rev. A. C. Anda, Luther Hogshead, and Mr. J. Rodenbarger.

ON PROCEEDINGS OF CONFERENCES—Rev. C. L. V. Dozer and A. C. Anda.

ON PRESS AND CHURCH PAPERS—For Lutheran, Dr. Gerberding; for Young Lutheran, Committee on Young Lutheran.

The Rev. P. C. Wike was appointed on the Ministerial Relief Committee in place of Rev. S. P. Fryberger.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your Committee on President's Report respectfully recommends:

1. That the official acts of the President be approved.

2. We commend to the earnest consideration of our larger charges the suggestion touching redistricting and division, with a view to securing more frequent services for each congregation.

3. That the apportionments be made on the basis of fifty cents per communicant member.

4. As a safeguard for our congregations we heartily endorse the suggestion that vacant charges confer with the President of Synod before entertaining any application for temporary or permanent supply.

5. The death of our brother, Rev. A. E. Gift, calls forth the sincere sympathy of the members of Synod for his bereaved family in their deep sorrow. We suggest that the Committee on Ministerial Relief be instructed to solicit voluntary contributions immediately among ehe members of Synod to assist in defraying the funeral expenses, and that some member of Synod be appointed to prepare a suitable obituary for insertion in the minutes.

6. We would again most earnestly urge upon the members of our congregations the duty of keeping in touch with the church at large by taking a church paper. To this end we especially commend The Lutheran and the Synod's edition of The Young Lutheran.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and considered item by item. Item three was laid on the table until after hearing the report of the Mission Committee. The other items were adopted.

Report of Delegates to General Council.

The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church met in Wicker Park Church, Chicago, Sept. 28, to Oct. 4, 1899.

Our Synod was represented by the President, together with Rev. M. L. Wagner, and Rev. H. A. W. Yung; with Lay-Delegates, F. Swingle, M. L. Deck, and A. P. Johnson.

With the exception of the unhappy misunderstanding between the Foreign Mission Board and some of its missionaries, this was one of the most hopeful, helpful and encouraging conventions

ever held by that body. It is becoming more and more apparent that the General Council is the most potent and influential exponent of the Lutheran Church in America. Its literature, its institutions, its methods and its men are making our Church known and appreciated among the serious thinking people all over our land.

The reports on Home Missions, Sunday School work, Deaconess work and Publications were more than ever full of encouragement and inspiration.

The following items were referred to the district Synods for action:

1. The apportionment to the congregations of the amount expected from Synod for the General Council's work.

2. The observance of the Sunday nearest Reformation Day for special offerings in church and Sunday school for the Council's Home Mission work. See Minutes 1899, page 59.

3. That the various District Synods furnish detailed mission statistics of synodical missions to the Secretary of the General Council, page 65.

4. The theses on the Relation of the General Council to the Luther League, pages 145-147.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That a time be set for the consideration of these items.

2. That all our congregations and Sunday schools use only the books and literature of the General Council in their worship, instruction and for distribution. THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and considered item by item. The discussion of the items referring to mission work was postponed to be taken up with the Report of the Home Mission Committee. The theses on the Luther League were immediately taken up for discussion. Their consideration was pending when the hour of adjournment arrived.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Wagenhals.

THIRD SESSION.

Friday, June 8, 1900, 2:00 p. m.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. A. D. Crile. The minutes were read and approved. The discussion of the theses on the Luther League was continued, and after due consideration, they were approved in the following form:

A. 1. Discipleship in Christ involves and demands consecrated service. 2. The character of this service varies with the age, sex, capacities, and circumstances of those brought into the church. 3. Proper organizations for special purposes within the congregation may be useful, and if so, may be formed and favored. 4. Everything in such organizations that might be detrimental to the true, organic unity and solidarity of the congregation, is to be carefully avoided. 5. These organizations cannot add any new duties which are not involved and included in church membership, but they are simply a human arrangement to render the service of the members more efficient, by co-operation, systemization, and mutual encouragement. 6. They must not be treated as ecclesiolæ in ecclesia, or as if membership in them were essential, or evinced a higher degree of spirituality, but simply as a human arrangement for increased efficiency. 7. Their doctrinal basis and the practical methods of carrying on their operations must be in harmony with those of the church. 8. They must be subordinate to and under the control of the congregation, or the church council which represents the congregation. 9. The above principles apply to the associations known as Luther Leagues as well as to all other societies in the church.

B. The Luther League based upon the Augsburg Confession, professes to be such an organization "of the church, by the church, for the church," as set forth in the "Model Constitution."

1. The first object, according to Art. II, Sec. 1, is: "To quicken in its members a clearer consciousness of Christian faith." The means by which this object is to be attained are: (a) "By encouraging them to a systematic study of God's Word, and the faithful use of the ministrations of the church;" and "by engaging them in public religious exercises suited to their standing and estate." (b) "By directing them in thoughtful investigation

of the history, doctrines, and usages of the Lutheran Church, thereby fostering a spirit of intelligent loyalty towards her and her institutions."

2. According to Sec. 2, a further object is: "To promote among them practical Christian life." The means towards this end are: (a) "By enlisting their active interest in the various departments of congregational work." (b) "By securing their cooperation in carrying out the recommendations of Conference, Synod, and general body." (c) "By effecting social relations becoming those who are of the same household of faith."

3. Thus the League desires to aid in training an intelligent, devout, loyal, liberal, and active membership of the church, in the church, for the church. From such a membership she hopes to get the workers and helpers for every part of the congregation's activity. From such a membership she also hopes to furnish a sufficient and an efficient band of volunteer candidates for the Ministry of the Word and for the ministry of mercy. With such a membership she hopes to wield an influence on public sentiment and public morals in every community where she is planted.

C. While the General Council has, indeed, no direct relationship with such organizations, but is related to them only through the Synods which are connected with it (see Principles of Government, Sec. 10; Constitution of G. C., Art. I, Sec. 1; and Art. I, Sec. 4, paragraph 3,) yet it is befitting that this body express its approval of the general scope of the Luther League, and its pleasure in witnessing the renewed interest it has aroused, especially among our young people, in the work and welfare of the church, and in the study of its literature, as recommended in the League's Reading Courses.

The second recommendation of the report was adopted.

The following preamble and resolution were presented and adopted.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Synod that every General Council Sunday School should have, if practicable, weekly Sunday School papers; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we memorialize the General Council to publish such a weekly paper, if possible, and to do so at a moderate price; and that it be adapted to the Intermediate Department of the Sunday School.

Treasurer's Report.

Cash on hand at last report	$595 65	
Collection at Synod, Benevolence	16 35	
Collection at Synod, Education	15 25	
Collection at Synod, Home Missions	11 65	
Collection at Synod, Foreign Missions	20 05	
Ministerial Relief	9 13	
Jewish Missions	47	
Works of Mercy	19 00	
Chicago Seminary	4 00	
Reformation	73 44	
On Apportionment	491 68	$1256 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Ministerial Relief	$ 50 00	
Works of Mercy	19 00	
Chicago Seminary	4 00	
Reformation	73 44	
Synodical Expense	162 78	
Education	300 00	
Foreign Missions	121 05	
Home Missions	526 40	$1256 67

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. MILLER, Treasurer.

Report of Treasurer, Pro Tem.

RECEIPTS.

Received from D. J. Miller, (Reformation Fund)	$ 73 44	
Received on Apportionment	817 78	
Received for Special Objects	106 64	$997 86

DISBURSEMENTS.

Synodical Expenses	$ 20 25	
Synodical Home Missions	238 05	
General Council Home Missions:	411 25	
Foreign Missions	149 95	
Church Extension	34 05	
Balance	144 31	$997 86

The Two Reports Combined.

INCOME.

Balance May 25, 1899	$ 595 65	
Offerings at Synod	63 30	
On Apportionment	1392 03	
For Special Objects	103 11	$2181 09

EXPENDITURES.

Synodical Expenses	$ 183 03	
Synodical Home Missions	674 70	
General Council Home Missions	501 00	

Foreign Missions	271 00	
Church Extension	34 05	
Ministerial Relief	50 00	
Education	300 00	
Works of Mercy	19 00	
Chicago Seminary	4 00	
Balance	144 31	$2181 09

Receipts in Detail.

MAY 25, 1899—JUNE 7, 1900.

PARISH.	CONGREGATION.	DELI'Y.	APPO'T.	SPECI'L	TOTAL.
Alamo	Phanuel	$ 12 00	$ 20 90	$	$ 32 90
	Emanuel	18 50			18 50
	Philadelphia	9 40			9 40
Anderson	St. John's		20 00		20 00
	Mt. Zion's		10 80		10 80
Chicago	Holy Trinity		103 00		103 00
"	St. John's.		19 38		19 38
"	Wicker Park		107 51	11 00	118 51
"	St. Mark's		32 80		32 80
"	St. James'				
"	St. Matthew's.	8 00			8 00
"	St. Peter's.		10 00		10 00
Claremont	St. James'	29 73	23 07		52 80
Colburn	St. John's.	23 35	26 40		49 75
	Zion's		22 80		22 80
	Bethel.	14 67	14 25		28 92
Corydon	Mt. Solomon.		35 00		35 00
Crisman	Hope.	2 60			2 60
Decatur	First English		37 70	12 76	50 46
East Germantown	Zion's	14 40			14 40
	St. James'	14 00		2 03	16 03
	St. John's		12 40	4 05	16 45
Fort Wayne	Holy Trinity		251 60		251 60
Frankfort	St. Paul's.		28 40		28 40
Gila	Union.	20 00			20 00
Goshen	First English		70 00		70 00
Hicksville	St. John's.		28 53	6 00	34 53
	Lost Creek		36 15	5 05	41 20
	Zion's		11 20	2 05	13 25
Mulberry	Zion's		58 00	68 17	126 17
	Fairhaven		40 00		40 00
Newberry	St. Peter's.		13 70		13 70
	Mt. Zion's		21 50		21 50
Portland	Zion's		4 52		4 52
Rochester	St. Paul's.	8 87			8 87
	St. John's.	5 84			5 84
Syracuse	St. Paul's.	9 33	14 67		24 00
	Emanuel	14 18	14 42		28 60
	Syracuse		8 80		8 80
Vandalia	St. James'		33 35		33 35
Whitestown	Union.	2 61			2 61
	Salem	42 26			42 26
	St. Mark's	44 48			44 48
	St. James'	29 91			29 91

Of the above forty-four congregations, twenty-four are paid in full or over paid and the following are delinquent to the amounts stated:

Whitestown, Union	$ 7 72
" Salem	80 80
" St. Mark's	79 92
" St. James'	81 53
Syracuse, Emanuel	7 98
Alamo, Emanuel	29 17
" Philadelphia	11 45
Colburn, Bethel	7 75
E. Germantown, Zion's	89 88
" St. James'	30 92
Rochester, St. Paul's	73 98
" St. John's	78 88
Newberry, St. Peter's	13 10
Gila, Union	132 45
Claremont, St. James'	29 73
Crisman, Hope	20 40
Chicago, St. Mark's	13 20
" St. James'	3 00
" St. Matthew's	8 00
Portland, Zion's	5 48
	$805 34

Recommendations.

1. It is recommended that the request of the Church Council of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, that Synod cancel its delinquency, be granted.

2. It is recommended that owing to the sickness and death of Rev. A. E. Gift, the delinquencies of St. Paul's and St. John's, Rochester, be cancelled.

3. It is recommended that owing to the vacancy of the Newberry charge, the delinquency of St. Peter's be cancelled.

4. It is recommended that on account of the long vacancy in the Alamo charge, the delinquency of the Emanuel Church be cancelled. WILLIAM J. FINCK, Treasurer pro. tem.

The reports were received and considered.

The financial parts were referred to the Auditing Committee; the pastors and lay delegates of delinquent

parishes were called upon to explain their respective deficiencies; and all parts relating to the delinquencies with the recommendations were referred to the Apportionment Committee.

At 3:45 Rev. C. L. V. Dozer presented a paper upon the subject, "The Theory and Practice of True Worship."

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. S. H. Swingle.

FOURTH SESSION.

Saturday, June 9, 1900, 9 a. m.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Paul W. H. Frederick. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

Report of the Home Mission Committee.

Your Mission Committee would respectfully submit the following:

Three meetings of the Committee have been held during the year, at which such provisions were made for the missions as the exigencies required and the means allowed. Regular bi-monthly reports were received from the missions, except in the case of St. James', Chicago, and Hope, Crisman, Ind., which failed to report through a misunderstanding. By means of these reports the Missionary Director could easily note the condition of the Missions, and offer such suggestions as seemed helpful.

The newly appointed Committee met at 1 p. m., June 8, 1900, and organized with the following officers: Chairman, Dr. W. A. Sadtler; Secretary, Rev. G. P. Kabele; Treasurer, Mr. C. T. A. Anderson; Missionary Director, Rev. A. J. Reichert.

The Missions.

St. Peter's, Chicago, Rev. H. B. Reed, pastor. The reports show that this congregation is making steady progress in the face of many difficulties. We glean the following items of interest from the missionary's annual report: Communicant members, 55, received during the year 22, losses 2. The Sunday School is in a very gratifying condition, having 209 pupils and 17 teachers with

an income of $104 15. There is also an efficient Ladies' Aid Society which is quite helpful in many ways.

This congregation owns a church and lot valued at a conservative estimate at $5,000. The basement of the church is in an unfinished condition, but the male members have volunteered to finish it, donating their time. A debt of $2,000 rests on the property, $1,500 secured by a mortgage held by the State Bank of Chicago, and $500 held by the Church Extension Society. Both these debts are due in 1902. The congregation expects to provide for a large part of this debt during the year. During this season the streets which bound the property will be paved, costing the congregation $592.05. The current expenses for the year, including salary, were $744.66. In view of the street assessments, and the cost of material for finishing the basement, the mission respectfully asks for an appropriation of $300 for the ensuing year.

HOPE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Crisman, Ind., Rev. J. P. Miller, pastor-elect. This field has hardly had a fair chance to prove itself, because of circumstances over which neither the congregation nor the committee had any control. It was supplied by students until Jan. 1, when Rev. J. P. Miller accepted a call from the committee and entered upon his work. But certain conditions were imposed by Rev. Mr. Miller, namely, that he be permitted to spend this summer in North Carolina, where he was under obligations to his former parish. During his absence, Student Geo. F. Dittmar is supplying the field acceptably.

We have no complete report from this place. The congregation numbers about fifty, with a good Sunday School. The debt on the church has been reduced $130, leaving about $200 yet to be met. In consequence of a letter from Rev. Mr. Miller in which he states there is some doubt as to his return to the Crisman field, the committee decided to communicate with him and to investigate the field more fully.

ALEXANDRIA, IND. Rev. C. L. V. Dozer has been laboring here in connection with Portland, and the prospects are such as to justify a continuation of the work. There are about twenty-five members. Since his marriage, Rev. Mr. Dozer resides in Alexandria, and his residence here will be an advantage to the work. Since May 1, the Sunday School has been increasing in attendance and interest, and the work will be more vigorously prosecuted than heretofore. Rev. Mr. Dozer reports that there is more

than work enough for one man in Alexandria, and the committee realizes that his present field is too large for one man, yet it cannot now see its way clear to separate Alexandria from Portland.

ZION'S, Portland, Ind., Rev. C. L. V. Dozer, pastor. This congregation has held its own. Under the present arrangement the pastor can give only half his time to this field, and the results cannot be what could be expected under different conditions. Services are held bi-weekly. During the year there were two accessions, and a class of catechumens is being prepared for confirmation. The total receipts of the congregation for the year were $437.49, and of the Sunday School $15.72. The debt on the church has been reduced to $230. The membership numbers 35, and the Sunday School 33. The congregation pays $120 per year towards the pastor's support.

ST. JAMES', Chicago, Rev. Prof. P. W. H. Frederick, pastor. This congregation has shown encouraging progress during the year. It now numbers twenty members, thirteen having been added during the year. Losses, five. It has no property, but worships in a hall. Student H. T. Weber has assisted Prof. Frederick during the Seminary year, but during the summer season Pastor Frederick will have sole charge. All expenses have been paid, including a debt of $60, a legacy from last year. The Sunday School numbers 109 pupils, with nine teachers. The General Council Graded Sunday School Lessons are used. The income of the Sunday School was $96.41, and of the congregation $144.80. The committee, at the time it called Prof. Frederick to become the pastor of St. James', promised him a salary of $25 per month for the months of May to September, inclusive. During the Seminary year Prof. Frederick is supported by the Seminary Board. The committee has earnestly requested the pastor of St. James' to take steps towards securing a church home for the congregation.

ST. LUKE'S, Chicago. St. Luke's English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Logan Square, Chicago, was organized June 1, 1900, Dr. Sadtler acting as chairman.

It had its beginnings through the organization of a Sunday School in April, 1899, this being under the care and direction of St. Peter's. Mr. Lars Undum, of St. Peter's, had charge of the school and bore most of its financial burden.

In the beginning of October the Mission Committee directed

Student J. V. Sappenfield to assist in the work. In the beginning of November, at the request of Rev. H. B. Reed, pastor of St. Peter's, and Mr. Undum, M. E. Haberland took charge of the school.

On the 8th of April, evening services were begun, the attendance being very encouraging. June 1, 1900, an organization was effected, eight men and one woman being present.

Mr. J. S. Hair had in the meantime given to Mr. Haberland an option on a lot located at the corner of Francisco and Mariana streets.

The lot is considered worth $2,000, which Mr. Hair offered to the congregation as a gift, on the condition that the congregation erect a house of worship to cost not less than $3,000, ready for use by the end of September, 1900. The congregation is at this time endeavoring to make a loan of $2,000. So as to enable it to meet this condition, the congregation respectfully requests that the Synod take upon itself the responsibility of paying the interest on $2,000 at 6 per cent. for five years. This still leaves the congregation $1,000 to raise besides its current expenses.

St. Matthew's, Chicago, Rev. G. P. Kabele, pastor. This congregation is chiefly the fruit of the labors of Student M. E. Haberland. Services were commenced on Dec. 12, 1897, and on March 20, 1898, an organization was effected with ten members. On April 10, the congregation called Student G. P. Kabele to become its pastor, to begin his labors May 1. Steps were immediately taken to secure a church home. A neat chapel was erected and dedicated on Sept. 18, 1898.

During the first year of his labors the pastor gave his services without a salary, being boarded free of charge by a number of the members. During the following year he received a salary of $20.00 per month, which the congregation is still paying him.

The property is valued at $2,400, while there is an indebtedness of $350, exclusive of the lot. The present communicant membership is fifty-three.

In the past this congregation has nobly struggled without synodical aid.

Zion's, Lafayette, Ind., was organized January 6, 1900, with twenty members. This work has been carried on by the pastor of the Mulberry parish, assisted by Rev. D. L. Reese, Rev. P. C.

Wike, and students of the Chicago Seminary. Mr. H. K. Lantz has charge of the work for the summer. The average attendance at divine service is thirty-five. At Sunday school about the same. The congregation pays the rent of the hall in which they worship and all incidental expenses.

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, of South Bend, Ind., was organized on Tuesday evening, Jan. 8, 1900. by the Rev. A .C. Anda, of Goshen, Ind., with seventeen charter members. Rev. Mr. Anda will for some time remain the provisional pastor, and William Eckert, of the Chicago Seminary, has been secured to take care of the work during the summer. As a result of Mr. Eckert's efficient work the attendance has gradually increased, both at the regular and Sunday school services, and he is now instructing a catechetical class of twelve. The mission does not ask any assistance from the Mission Committee, but desires to continue the work on a self-supporting basis. and while the progress cannot be expected to be too rapid, yet the future outlook is exceedingly encouraging.

Finances.

Last year Synod placed at our disposal $700.00, which we thought sufficient to carry on the work for the year. But some unforseen expenses occurred which left a deficit of $75.11 in our account. The Treasurer's report, herewith appended, shows how the funds were expended.

The Committee made an earnest effort to have the St Peter's congregation, Chicago, transferred to the Board of English Home Missions of the General Council, and were hopeful that the transfer might be effected, so that the funds expended there might be used in developing other promising points. But we were disappointed. The Board declined to take St. Peter's under their care, so we must continue to provide for it.

Treasurer's Report.

By Cash Received		$780 00
EXPENDITURES.		
To Crisman, Ind	$133 00	
To Portland, Ind	206 00	
To Lafayette, Ind	50 00	
To Chicago, Kimball Hall	80 00	
To Chicago, H. B. Reed	280 30	

To Chicago, Maplewood car fare	3 50	
To H. A. W. Yung, expenses	14 70	
To M. L Wagner, expenses	7 75	
To Geo. P. Kabele, secretary's book	25	
To C. T. A. Anderson, postage and exchange	3 95	
Total Expenses	779 45	
Balance Cash on Hand	55	$780 00

Respectfully submitted.

C. T. A. ANDERSON.

Recommendations.

1. That the work may not suffer in the different fields, we would respectfully recommend the following appropriations:

$300 to St. Peter's, Chicago.

$125 to St. James', Chicago, from May to September.

$300 to Portland and Alexandria, Ind.

$140 to Zion's, Lafayette, Ind.

$200 to St. Matthew's, Chicago.

$360 to St. Luke's, Logan Square, Chicago, to be paid in semi-annual payments of sixty dollars each.

2. For the ensuing year we respectfully ask the Synod to place at our disposal the sum of $1,370, in order that the work of the Lord may be properly carried forward within our territory.

3. That the Chicago Synod's relation to the Home Mission Board of the General Council may be clearly understood, we would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, I. That we note with much gratitude the work done and contemplated within our bounds by the Board of Home Missions of the General Council.

RESOLVED, II. That we regret that on account of the very partial acceptance of the principles of the centralization of missions throughout the Synods of the General Council, it has been impossible on both sides to carry out the agreement made in 1892 between the General Council and the Chicago Synod, then the Indiana Synod, but that we stand ready at this time to express our complete approval of those principles and assert our willingness to co-operate in their application just as soon as a sufficient number of General Council Synods are ready to take a similar step.

RESOLVED, III. That until this high purpose be attained,

we feel it our duty to cultivate the mission field within our bounds to the full extent of our ability, and that until then the Chicago Synod sustain the same relation to the General Council Home Mission Board as the other synods.

RESOLVED, IV. That we hail with much pleasure the information that the General Council Board contemplates the establishment of missions in the city of Detroit, and that we urge them to aid in our important field to the utmost extent of their ability.

THE COMMITTEE.

The resolutions of the report bearing on the relation existing between the General Council and the Chicago Synod were on motion taken up as a substitute for the resolutions referred from the first session, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole. The recommendations made by the Home Mission Committee were accepted, and the report was adopted as a whole.

The deferred items of the report of the Delegation to the General Council were taken up and considered.

In reference to item one it was resolved that Synod is not now able to comply with the request. Items two and three were adopted. The report as a whole was adopted.

Report of Committee on Absentees.

We, your Committee, have received communications stating reasons for their absence from this convention of Synod from the following clerical members: Rev. C. Koerner, Rev. J. Good, Rev. H. B. Reed, and Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, D.D. We recommend that these brethren be excused.

Requests for leaving Synod before its close have been received from Delegate John B. Hupp, to be excused after Saturday morning's session; from Rev. Zenan M. Corbet, to be excused after Saturday afternoon's session; from Delegate M. E. Haberland, to be excused to leave Saturday afternoon; from Rev. A. C. Anda, to be excused after Sunday; from Delegate Josiah Rothenberger, to be excused after Saturday afternoon's session. We recommend that these brethren be excused.

Rev. Prof. R. F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D., and Rev. Prof. A. T. Clay, Ph.D., are absent without excuse.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received. The request of Delegate Hupp was granted. The rest of the report was deferred.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. Wesner.

FIFTH SESSION.

Saturday, June 9, 1900, 2 p. m.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. C. L. V. Dozer. The minutes were read and approved.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Absentees was resumed. The remaining recommendations were accepted and the report was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Young Lutheran.

Your Committee would respectfully report that the Synodical Edition of the Young Lutheran has been regularly issued; that the edition has fluctuated from 1,100 to 1,250 copies; that it is taken by all the congregations except ten; that it has been our intention to make the paper a means of developing the latent resources of Synod, and that we feel that substantial progress has been made as a consequence. We would urge those pastors, whose congregations do not take this paper, to make an effort to introduce it.

1. An expense of $3.32 has been incurred by the Committee in performing their duties, which we recommend be paid from the synodical treasury.

2. Your Committee recommend that a committee be appointed to continue the publication of the Synod's Edition of the Young Lutheran.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted item by item; and it was resolved that the special committee consist of the brethren, Wagner, Whitman, and Pearch.

Report of Directors of the Dieckmann Memorial Home.

The provisional Board of Trustees appointed by Synod at the convention last year, met on Monday evening, May 29, at the resi-

dence of Rev. M. L. Wagner, and effected a temporary organization. A committee was appointed to secure the incorporation of the Board, and one on constitution and by-laws.

The Board was incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois, July 18, 1899, under the name and title, The Dieckmann Memorial Home for the Aged of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Later another meeting of the Board was held and permanent organization effected by the election of Rev. M. L. Wagner, president; Rev. I. Whitman, secretary, and Mr. G. A. A. Dieckmann, treasurer, and the adoption of a constitution and by-laws for the government of the Board.

Under the sanction of the Board, 4,000 copies of the announcement were issued, and 1,500 copies have been judiciously distributed. This announcement sets forth the aim of the Board and the object of the home; also an appeal for funds. The income from this source has not been very flattering.

During the year the property has been occupied by tenants, and the income from this source, and the several personal contributions, have enabled the Board to defray all expenses, the heaviest item being $103.21 for taxes for 1899. Hereafter the property is exempt from taxation.

The following is the treasurer's report to June 1, 1900:

Total amount received from all sources	$241 67
Total amount of expenditures	192 87
Balance	$ 48 80

At the annual meeting of the Board held April 3, besides the routine business, the Board adopted a resolution, expressing its conviction that the Home could be more efficiently managed and secure a larger constituency of supporters if it be placed in the hands and under the management of an organization having such and affiliated charities under its control. Such an organization is found in The Institution of Protestant Deaconesses of Cook County, Illinois. A committee was appointed to correspond with this organization with a view of placing the Home under its care and management. A letter was addressed to that institution and the following reply was received:

RESOLVED, That as this institution has not at present and apparently may not soon have any deaconesses to take charge of such a Home for the Aged, we greatly regret our inability at this time to consider their proposition favorably, and are not prepared

to correspond concerning the acceptance or administration of the contemplated Home for the Aged.

The Board of Directors are anxious to carry out the design of the donor, at as an early a day as is practicable, but at present deem it inadvisable to open the Home because of the lack of funds to meet the expenses that would be incurred. To open it to receive inmates involves grave responsibilities, and we decline to assume such until we have sufficient resources to make reasonably certain our ability to discharge our responsibilities. If we are to do this work, the good people of our Synod must rally to our support.

THE DIRECTORS.

The report was received for insertion in the minutes.

Report of Committee on Education.

Your Committee would respectfully report the following:

1. That during the past year Students Howard E. Snyder, Thiel College, Pa., Andrew M. Sappenfield, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., and John V. Sappenfield, Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., each received the sum of $100.00, to aid them in the continuance of their studies. Having shown satisfactory progress in their studies the past year, your Committee recommends that the sum of $100.00 be appropriated to Student Snyder, $100.00 to Student Andrew M. Sappenfield, and $75.00 to Student John V. Sappenfield, for the ensuing year.

2. That Oliver O. Yung, a member of the First English Lutheran Church, of Decatur, Ill., having a desire to enter college with the ministry of the Lutheran Church in view, makes application for aid to the extent of $75.00, to enable him to pursue his studies the coming year. Your Committee, being fully satisfied of his moral and intellectual fitness, of his standing in the church, and of his ability to enter the Freshman class, recommends that his request be granted and that the sum of $75.00 be appropriated for his benefit.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted as a whole.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. P. C. Wike.

SIXTH SESSION.

Monday, June 11, 1900, 9 a. m.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. L. O. Pearch. The roll was called and the minutes were approved.

The Rev. M. L. Wagner was appointed by Synod to prepare the obituary of the Rev. A. E. Gift.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following report:

On Sunday, June 10th, it was our privilege to listen to our Foreign Mission Superintendent as he presented the interests of his great cause. From his earnest words and from the tidings that have come to us from the foreign field during the year we have learned the sad fact that half as many millions of our fellowmen as inhabit this great land of ours are in bitter want from the ravages of famine and plague. In view of this sore need in the field in which we have been placed by the guiding hand of God, of the contemplated enlargement of our work and also in consideration of the promising field open before us in Porto Rico, we most earnestly recommend the cause of Foreign Missions to the liberality of our people, and recommend that Synod appropriate at least as much as last year to this work, ($200.00.)

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Conferences.

Your Committee begs leave to present the following report:

After having examined the minutes of the conferences of this Synod, we find no recommendations that require action by this body.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES.

The report was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Protocol and Minutes of Previous Convention.

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the protocol and minutes of the last convention and desire to call attention to the following items:

1. That on page eleven of the printed minutes we find a recommendation that every pastor be dilligent and earnest in seeking out such boys and young men as have the proper qualifications for the holy office, and call their attention to the blessed work and endeavor to lead them to prepare for the ministry, and that the roll of pastors be called each year and that each report what he has done in this matter.

2. That the proposed by-laws provisionally adopted last year should be considered at this meeting of Synod.

3. That the proposed plan for the regulation of beneficiary education provisionally adopted at the last meeting should be considered at this meeting. THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and considered item by item. In regard to item one it was resolved to comply with the regulation immediately. The roll was called and the pastors responded. In regard to item two it was resolved that the provisional by-laws be continued another year and that they be made the order for the first afternoon session of the next convention. In reference to item three it was resolved to continue the provisional plan for beneficiary aid another year and to consider the plan for adoption at the next convention.

Report of Committee on Benevolence.

1. Your Committee arranged for a public service on Friday evening of this synodical convention, especially devoted to the subject of Benevolence. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Wm. J. Finck, of Anderson, Ind., and Rev. A. D. Crile, of Chicago, Ill. The offerings for the evening were over $25.00. Your Committee recommends that this sum be equally distributed among our institutions of mercy at Jacksonville, Chicago, and Vandalia, Ill.

2. Once more we call attention to the needs of the Institutions of Mercy which are within our own bounds and may rightfully claim our charities. Your Committee would therefore respectfully recommend that each pastor call the attention of his congregation to the necessity of making a donation or taking up an offering for the benefit of these institutions. As an appropriate season for the donation or offering, we would suggest Thanksgiving Day.

3. Your Committee begs leave to suggest that during the com-

ing year the pastors of this Synod endeavor to give prominence to the work of Benevolence in their congregations. Surely there is no work more divine, more humane, than that which occupied so great a part of the ministry of the God-man, the sympathetic Saviour of men, who went about doing good, curing diseases, healing those who were oppressed with the Devil, comforting the fatherless and the widow, and bringing healing and joy into the homes of pain and sorrow.

4. We commend the Deaconess work to the pastors of Synod; we suggest that they not only remember it in prayer, but also present its needs and impress upon the young women of our congregations the necessity of giving not only of their means but the giving of themselves to this noble work of God.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

We, your Committee to whom were referred the reports of the Treasurer and of the Acting Treasurer, beg leave to report that we have carefully compared the items of the reports with the book accounts and vouchers and find the reports correct.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

Rev. Wm. Evans and Delegate C. T. A. Anderson were excused from further attendance.

The time for the next convention was fixed for Wednesday before Trinity Sunday, (May 29, 1901.)

Report of Committee on Ministerial Relief.

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following report:

During the past year the attention of the Committee was called to the needs of our esteemed brother, the Rev. Dr. Stirewalt. In December your Committee sent him the $50 which Synod placed at its disposal.

For the ensuing year the Committee would respectfully ask for an appropriation of $200.

Inasmuch as it is the very solemn duty of the church to provide for her disabled pastors who have borne the burden and heat of the day in the service of God, and to make provision so far as pos-

sible before hand that such brethren may have something more definite to look forward to as they see and feel the day of disability approaching, be it

RESOLVED, That from this time forth, Synod orders as a part of her regular and permanent work that collections be taken annually in all our congregations and personal donations be requested for the benefit of our disabled pastors. That your Committee shall see to it that the annual collections shall be lifted, that delinquents shall be notified of their duty in this matter, that instances requiring immediate help shall be brought to the knowledge of the brethren, to receive all collections, to hold and disburse them as Synod may direct, and to report at the annual meeting of Synod the condition of the treasury. Should the amounts received during any year exceed the disbursements of that year the surplus shall be set apart and sacredly held for the purpose for which it was raised, so that in this way in the course of time a permanent fund may be secured for this purpose.

RESOLVED, That application for aid be made to the Committee, that the amount granted to each individual or family be left to the discretion of the Committee, and that its disbursements shall not exceed the amount received. THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted item by item. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. V. House.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Monday, June 11. 1900, 2 p. m.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Sappenfield. The minutes were read and approved. Rev. A. D. Crile was excused for his absence from the last two sessions of Synod.

Invitations for the next convention were next in order and the urgent invitation from St. Paul's, Rochester charge, was accepted.

Report of Committee on Parochial Reports and Apportionments.

1. Your Committee would respectfully report that we have made the apportionments on the basis of fifty cents for each com-

municant member for the coming year, making exceptions only in the case of missions and those congregations which are practically missions.

2. We recommend that the delinquencies recommended for cancellation by the treasurer be cancelled on the condition that these congregations pay their apportionment in full for the ensuing year.

3. We further recommend that all other delinquencies be cancelled on condition that the congregations raise the full amount apportioned for the coming year, and in addition, one fourth of these delinquencies.

4. The tables of apportionments and the tabulated parochial reports will be presented as a part of this report.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted item by item.

The Report of Committee on Protocol and Minutes of Previous Convention was taken up, completed and adopted as a whole.

The Report of the Committee on President's Report was recalled, item three previously tabled was adopted and the report was adopted as a whole.

At 3:40 a paper was read by Dr. Sadtler on the subject, "Tne Progress of Recent Lutheran Literature."

The President announced the committees for the coming year.

Standing Committees.

EXAMINATION—Dr. S. Wagenhals, Rev. J. Wesner, Dr. G. H. Gerberding, Rev. P. C. Wike, Rev. A. D. Crile.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Dr. Sadtler, Rev. L. O. Pearch, and Mr. W. D. Killian.

HOME MISSIONS—Rev. A. C. Anda, Dr. W. A. Sadtler, Rev. G. P. Kabele, Rev. A. J. Reichart, Dr. G. H. Gerberding, and Messrs. C. T. A. Anderson, Treasurer, 91 Dearborn St., Fred. Sachse, Wm. Lange, Lewis F. Mueller.

EDUCATION—Rev. J. Wesner, Rev. Isaiah Whitman, and Dr. N. D. Myers.

BENEVOLENCE—Rev. William Evans, Rev. Z. M. Corbet, and Mr. M. L. Deck.

DISCIPLINE—Rev. Luther Hogshead, Rev. D. L. Reese, Rev.

J. M. G. Sappenfield, Rev. P. C. Wike, and Rev. A. V. House.

RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS—Rev. P. C. Wike, Rev. C. L. V. Dozer, and Rev. A. D. Crile.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS AND APPORTIONMENTS—Rev. I. Whitman, Rev. D. L. Reese, Rev. W. Evans, and Messrs. James A. Dunn, and Jacob E. Fine.

Special Committees.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF—Rev. A. J. Reichert, Rev. D. L. Reese, and Rev. P. C. Wike.

YOUNG LUTHERAN—Rev. M. L. Wagner, Rev. I. Whitman, and Rev. L. O. Pearch.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION—Rev. Drs. W. A. Sadtler, and G. H. Gerberding.

DIRECTORS OF THE DIECKMANN MEMORIAL HOME FOR THE AGED—Rev. M. L. Wagner, President; Rev. I. Whitman, Secretary; George A. A. Dieckmann, Treasurer; Rev. A. D. Crile, Rev. A. J. Reichert, Dr. N. D. Myers, and Mr. James Bennyhoff.

Resolution of Thanks.

RESOLVED, I. That we hereby express our hearty thanks to the pastor and members of the Hicksville pastorate for the kind and cordial entertainment received at their hands during the continuance of this convention.

RESOLVED, II. That the pastor make known this resolution to his people at his first opportunity.

The minutes of this session were read and approved. All reports having been heard and all business disposed of, Synod closed its last session according to the regular Order of the Church Book.

Five days were spent in convention assembled, during which much business relating to the Kingdom was transacted, and now thankful for the harmony manifested and the good accomplished, the brethren separated to their respective fields trusting in the Good Shepherd for strength and direction for renewed work, and hoping through His mercy to be allowed to return a year hence with ranks unbroken by death and with reports of much progress in every department of church work, to the salvation of man and to the undivided glory of God.

WILLIAM J. FINCK, Secretary.

AMON EDWARD GIFT.

The Rev. Amon Edward Gift was born June 9, 1849, in Lewistown, Pennsylvania. He was baptized and confirmed by the Rev. Peter Schindel.

Early in life he determined to enter the Gospel ministry, and embraced every opportunity to prepare himself for the holy office. His preparatory education was received at Wyoming Academy, where, after a four years' course of study, he graduated. Subsequently he entered Capital University, Columbus, O., where he received his Theological training. While in this institution he served as tutor in the German language.

He was ordained August 23, 1874. For several years he served as a missionary in Kansas and Iowa, then served as assistant to the Rev. G. W. Mechling, at Lancaster, O. In 1879 he received and accepted a call to the Rochester parish, entering upon his duties June 9, 1879. He united with the Indiana, now the Chicago Synod, in October of the same year. He served this his first and only charge twenty-one years.

As a pastor Rev. A. E. Gift was conscientious and faithful. By his quiet, orderly and unpretentious life he won the hearts of his people, and became their trusted spiritual counsellor. As a Christian gentleman he commanded the respect and esteem of all who knew him. By his exemplary life as citizen and friend, he exerted an influence and left an impress upon the community in which he lived that will not soon be effected. He mingled among men as a man, always inspiring by his presence and bearing to things higher and nobler. He was kind and courteous to all.

As a preacher, Rev. A. E. Gift excelled in many respects. He accepted the doctrines of the Lutheran Church without any qualifications, and was zealous in their defense. He faithfully expounded the Word, bringing messages of warning and love unto his people. In the pulpit he knew nothing but Jesus Christ. Him he preached in all earnestness and love. Pastor Gift had a very low estimate of his ability as a preacher, which made him timid and diffident almost to a fault, but his timidity was a source of strength. He was content to labor in his humble sphere, never aspiring to a more remunerative pastorate.

He was married to Miss Julia A. Wentzel, Feb. 23, 1886, with whom he lived happily. In his devoted wife he found a wise counsellor, and one who encouraged him in his work. He leaves besides his wife, one son, George, to mourn his death.

He fell asleep in Jesus, after a long and painful illness, May 16, 1900, aged 50 years, 11 months, and 7 days.

M. L. WAGNER.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

THURSDAY MORNING:

Opening Service.

Liturgical Services by the Secretary, Rev. William J. Finck.

Synodical Sermon by the President, Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., St. John 15:26, 27.

Preparatory Service and Holy Communion.

THURSDAY EVENING:

Home Missions.

Opening Service by Rev. A. J. Reichert and Dr. W. A. Sadtler.

Address by the Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, Greensburg, Pa.

Offerings for Home Missions.

FRIDAY EVENING:

Benevolence.

Liturgical Service by Rev. Z. M. Corbet and Rev. Wm. Evans.

Addresses by Rev. William J. Finck and A. D. Crile.

Offerings for Institutions of Mercy within bounds of Synod.

SATURDAY EVENING:

Education.

Liturgical Service by Rev. A. C. Anda and Rev. J. Wesner.

Address by Dr. S. Wagenhals, based on Psalm 119:130.

Offerings for Beneficiary Education.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

Sunday School Conference.

Chairman, Rev. M. L. Wagner.

Opening Prayer by Rev. P. C. Wike.

A paper was read by Rev. A. J. Reichert on the subject, "What has the General Council done to Encourage Sunday School work?"

Addresses were made by the brethren, Finck, Whitman, Telleen, Crile, Gerberding, Lantz and Pearch.

Music.

SUNDAY EVENING:

Foreign Missions.

Liturgical Service by Dr. William A. Sadtler and Rev. Loran O. Pearch.

Sermon by Rev. J. Telleen, Superintendent of the Foreign Mission Board of the General Council.

Offerings for the General Council Mission Field in India.

Public services were also held on Wednesday evening, Sunday morning, and Monday evening.

REGISTER OF CONGREGATIONS.

NAME.	PARISH.	LOCATION.
Holy Trinity..	Holy Trinity.....	.....LaSalle Ave. and Elm St., Chicago
Wicker Park..	Wicker Park	.....N. Hoyne and LeMoyne Sts., Chicago
St. John's.	Hyde Park.....	Indiana Ave., south of Sixty-first St., Chicago
St. Mark's....	Lakeview.....	....Clark St. and Addison Ave., Chicago
St. Peter's	St. Peter's..	...Spaulding Ave. and LeMoyne St., Chicago
St. Matthew's.	Mandell.....	.... Flourney St., near W. 47th Ave., Chicago
St. James'	Maplewood.....	....Chicago
St. Luke's.....	Logan Square	....Chicago
St. James'	Vandalia.....	.... Vandalia, Illinois
First English..	Decatur.....	..N. Main and William Sts., Decatur, Illinois
St. James'	Claremont.....	....Claremont, Richland county, Illinois
Union.	Gila.....	.....Gila, Illinois
Hope.....	Crisman.....	....Crisman, Indiana
Holy Trinity ..	Ft. Wayne....	Wayne and Clinton Sts., Fort Wayne, Indiana
Holy Trinity ..	Goshen.....	....South Bend, Indiana
First English..	Goshen	.....Goshen, Indiana
Zion's..... ...	Lafayette..	....Lafayette, Indiana
St. Mark's....	Whitestown...	.....Whitestown, Indiana
St. James'	Whitestown...	.....Near Darlington, Mont. county, Indiana
Salem..... ...	Whitestown	....New Augusta, Indiana
Union....	Whitestown..... ..	....East of Whitestown, Indiana
St. Paul's.	Syracuse	.....Benton, Elkhart county, Indiana
Emanuel	Syracuse....	S. W. of Napanee, Kosciusko county, Indiana
Syracuse	Syracuse.....	..... S. racuse, Kosciusko county, Indiana
Emanuel	Alamo	....Near Hillsboro, Fountain county, Indiana
Phanuel.	Alamo.....	..... Near Alamo, Fountain county, Indiana
Philadelphia ..	Alamo.....	..... . Near Milligan, Parke county, Indiana
St. John's.	Colburn	.. .. ..Near Owasco, Carroll county, Indiana
Zion's.....	Colburn.....	....Colburn, Tippecanoe county, Indiana
Bethel..... ...	Colburn....	....Pettit, Tippecanoe county, Indiana
Zion's.....	E. Germantown. ..	.. East Germantown, Wayne county, Indiana
St. John's.	E. Germantown. ..	.....Middletown, Henry county, Indiana
St. Jacob's....	E. Germantown. ..	....Millville, Henry county, Indiana
St. Paul's.....	Rochester.....	.....Tiosa, Fulton county, Indiana
St. John's.	Rochester.....	....Bruces' Lake, Fulton county, Indiana
Zion's.....	Mulberry.....	.....Mulberry, Indiana
Fairhaven.....	Mulberry.....	....Near Mulberry, Indiana
St. Peter's	Newberry.....	....Newberry, Greene county, Indiana
Mt. Zion's.....	Newberry	....Monroe City, Knox county, Indiana
St. John's.	Anderson.....	.... Anderson, Indiana
Mt. Zion's.....	Anderson.....	.....Ovid, Madison county, Indiana
Mt. Solomon ..	Corydon.....	....Near Corydon, Indiana
Zion's.....	Portland....	.....Portland, Indiana
St. Paul's.	Frankfort.....	.....Frankfort, Indiana
Zion's.....	Hicksville..... ...	..... Hall's Corner, Allen county, Indiana
St. John's.	Hicksville.	....Hicksville, Ohio
Lost Creek ...	Hicksville	....North of Hicksville, Ohio

APPORTIONMENTS, May 1, 1899, to May 1, 1900.

Pastors and Pastorates.	Congregations.	Home Missions.....	Foreign Missions.....	Education.....	Synodical Expenses.....	Ministerial Relief.....	Total.....
Alamo, Rev. I. Whitman.	Phanuel	13 34	1 93	3 38	1 45	2 90	23 00
	Emanuel	8 99	1 30	2 28	98	1 95	15 50
	Philadelphia.	5 22	76	1 32	57	1 13	9 00
Anderson, Rev. W. J. Finck	St. John's	17 30	2 50	4 38	1 88	3 76	29 82
	Mt. Zion's	8 40	1 22	2 13	95	1 80	14 50
Chicago, Rev. W. Evans	Holy Trinity	87 58	12 68	22 20	9 51	19 03	151 00
" Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph.D.	St. John's.	19 95	2 89	5 06	2 17	4 33	34 40
" Rev. A. D. Crile	Wicker Park.	58 00	8 40	14 70	6 30	12 60	100 00
" Rev Z. M. Corbet	St. Mark's	21 17	3 07	5 37	2 30	4 59	36 50
" Prof. Frederick	St. James'	4 06	59	1 03	44	88	7 00
" Rev. Geo. P. Kabele	St. Matt'w's.	9 22	1 34	2 34	1 00	2 00	15 90
" Rev. H. B. Reed	St. Peter's.	9 57	1 39	2 43	1 04	2 07	16 50
Claremont, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield.	St. James'	40 02	5 80	10 14	4 35	8 69	69 00
Colburn, Rev. P. C. Wike	St. John's.	17 40	2 52	4 41	1 89	3 78	30 00
	Zion's	15 95	2 31	4 04	1 73	3 47	27 50
	Bethel.	10 44	1 51	2 65	1 13	2 27	18 00
Corydon, Rev. L. O. Pearch	Mt. Solomon.	29 00	4 20	7 35	3 15	6 30	50 00
Crisman, (supplied)	Hope	10 96	1 59	2 78	1 19	2 38	18 90
Decatur, (vacant)	First English	29 00	4 20	7 35	3 15	6 30	50 00
East Germantown, Rev. J. Wesner.	Zion's	9 57	1 38	2 43	1 04	2 08	16 50
	St. James'	9 57	1 38	2 43	1 04	2 08	16 50
	St. John's	9 57	1 38	2 43	1 04	2 08	16 50
Fort Wayne, Rev. S. Wagenhals, D.D.	Holy Trinity	185 60	26 88	47 04	20 16	40 32	320 00
Frankfort, (vacant)	St. Paul's.	21 75	3 15	5 51	2 36	4 73	37 50
Gila, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield	Union.	45 53	6 60	11 54	4 94	9 89	78 50
Goshen, Rev. A. C. Anda	First English	51 04	7 39	12 94	5 54	11 09	88 00
Hicksville, Rev. Luther Hogshead	St. John's.	17 40	2 52	4 41	1 89	3 78	30 00
	Lost Creek	22 62	3 28	5 73	2 46	4 91	39 00
	Zion's.	8 12	1 18	2 06	88	1 76	14 00
Mulberry, Rev. A. J. Reichert.	Zion's.	43 50	6 30	11 03	4 72	9 45	75 00
	Fairhaven.	30 45	4 41	7 71	3 31	6 62	52 50
Newberry, Student Shepfer.	St. Peter's.	17 40	2 52	4 41	1 89	3 78	30 00
	Mt. Zion's.	15 66	2 27	3 97	1 70	3 40	27 00
Portland, Rev. C. L. V. Dozer	Zion's.	8 12	1 18	2 06	88	1 76	14 00
Rochester, (vacant)	St. Paul's.	18 85	2 73	4 78	2 04	4 10	32 50
	St. John's.	16 24	2 35	4 12	1 76	3 53	28 00
Syracuse, Rev. A. H. Arbaugh	St. Paul's.	8 70	1 26	2 20	95	1 89	15 00
	Emanuel	15 66	2 27	3 97	1 70	3 40	27 00
	Syracuse	6 67	97	1 69	72	1 45	11 50
Vandalia, Rev. M. L. Wagner.	St. James'	24 36	3 53	6 17	2 65	5 29	42 00
Whitestown, Rev. D. L. Reese	Union.	5 51	80	1 40	60	1 19	9 50
	Salem	31 90	4 62	8 08	3 47	6 93	55 00
	St. Mark's	36 83	5 33	9 34	4 00	8 00	63 50
	St. James'	32 48	4 70	8 23	3 53	7 06	56 00
Alexandria, Rev. C. L. V. Dozer	(unorganized)	3 48	50	88	38	76	6 00
South Bend, Student Eckert	Holy Trinity	2 32	34	59	25	50	4 00
Lafayette, Student Lantz	Zion's.	2 90	42	74	32	62	5 00
Chicago, Student Haberland	St. Luke's.	1 16	17	29	13	25	2 00
Total Amount Apportioned		1158 53	162 01	283 52	122 43	243 03	1928 52
Total Amount Appropriated		1370 00	200 00	350 00	150 00	200 00	2270 00

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Pastors and Pastorates.	Congregations.	Confirmed Members	Communed during the year	Infant Baptism	Catechumens	ACCESSIONS: By Adult Baptism	By Confirmation	From Lutheran Churches	From other Churches	By Restoration	LOSSES: By Death	By Removal	By Excision
Alamo, Rev. I. Whitman.	Phanuel	46	46	3	16	1	...	..	..	2	3	..	..
	Emanuel	31	25	...	...	..	...	..	..	..	1	..	..
	Philadelphia.	18	16	...	...	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Anderson, Rev. W. J. Finck	St. John's	71	....	10	9	1	1	1	4	..	..	4	..
	Mt. Zion's	29	....	...	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Chicago, Rev. W. Evans	Holy Trinity	302	200	9	25	1	43	8	2	2	2	6	..
" Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph.D.	St. John's.	86	65	12	20	..	12	7	..	..	3	9	..
" Rev. A. D. Crile	Wicker Park.	190	160	25	54	3	5	13	1	..	2	10	..
" Rev Z. M. Corbet	St. Mark's	73	71	10	32	..	19	5	..		4	..	13
" Prof. Frederick	St. James'	20	18	2	3	..	..	10	1	..	..	2	..
" Rev. Geo. P. Kabele	St. Matt'w's.	53	30	19	...	1	6	..	..	..	..	6	5
" Rev. H. B. Reed	St. Peter's	55	46	9	20	1	10	3	..	..	..	2	..
Claremont, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield.	St. James'	138	111	6	21	3	..	..	1	..	..	2	..
	St. John's.	60	45	...	20	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2
Colburn, Rev. P. C. Wike	Zion's	55	46	1	...	1	.	1	..	..	..	..	..
	Bethel.	36	36	...	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..
Corydon, Rev. L. O. Pearch	Mt. Solomon.	125	101	7	12	1	10	..	1	..	4	4	..
Crisman, (supplied)	Hope	54	....	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Decatur, (vacant)	First English	100	69	6	...	4	4	3	1	..	4	5	..
	Zion's	33	30	1	...	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
East Germantown, Rev. J. Wesner.	St. James'	33	30	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
	St. John's	33	31	...	...	..	3	1	..	..	..	1	..
Fort Wayne, Rev. S. Wagenhals, D.D.	Holy Trinity	640	....	27	32	4	19	11	..	..	11	12	..
Frankfort, (vacant)	St. Paul's.	75	58	5	...	..	1	2	2	..	1	..	..
Gila, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield	Union.	157	117	4	...	1	5	..	1	..	..	..	..
Goshen, Rev. A. C. Anda	First English	176	135	9	...	1	4	3	..	4	3	6	2
	St. John's.	60	58	2	8	2	...	3	1	..	1	..	..
Hicksville, Rev. Luther Hogshead	Lost Creek	78	70	2	20	2	6	7	..	..	1	..	..
	Zion's	28	27	2	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mulberry, Rev. A. J. Reichert.	Zion's	150	140	3	18	..	17	1	1	..	2	3	..
	Fairhaven	105	103	3	17	1	16	1	..	..	2	..	..
Newberry, Student Shepfer.	St. Peter's	60	....	1	...	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	..
	Mt. Zion's	54	43	1	...	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Portland, Rev. C. L. V. Dozer	Zion's	35	20	1	8	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rochester, (vacant)	St. Paul's.	65	56	1	18	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
	St. John's.	56	....	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Syracuse, Rev. A. H. Arbaugh	St. Paul's.	30	28	1	...	1	..	..	..	4	2	..	..
	Emanuel	54	46	3	10	2	3	..	..	1	1	1	..
	Syracuse	23	23	1	...	1	...	1	..	..	..	1	..
Vandalia, Rev. M. L. Wagner.	St. James'	84	60	7	16	..	6	2	..	..	1	6	..
	Union.	19	14	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Whitestown, Rev. D. L. Reese	Salem	110	90	1	...	6	2	..	..	..	3	..	..
	St. Mark's	127	74	3	...	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
	St. James'	112	....	1	...	7	5	..	1	..	1	19	..
Alexandria, Rev. C. L. V. Dozer	(unorganized)	25	13	2	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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May 25, 1899, to June 7, 1900.

SUNDAY SCHOOL						BENEFICENCE.											
Number	Teachers and Officers	Pupils	Income	Estimated Value of Church Property	Total Local Expenses	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Synodical Expenses	Church Extension	Orphan Work	Educational Institutions	Local or other Benevolence	Ministerial Relief	Total Beneficence	Total Expenditures
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NEXT CONVENTION,

Wednesday, May 29, 1901, 10:00 a. m.,

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Tiosa, Fulton County, Indiana.

Publications of the General Council.

Books and Papers.

1. **Church Book.** New edition with Common Service. Large Size. Small size in one and two volumes. Altogether 23 styles.

2. **Kirchenbuch.** Large edition in 5 varities. Small edition in one and two volumes in 14 varieties.

3. **Sunday School Book.** With music in two styles. Without music, in one style.

4. **Sunday School Book.** New edition with music, and without music.

5. **Sonntagsschulbuch.** With or without music, in many styles of binding.

6. **Little Children's Book.** Service and Hymn Book for the little ones in school and family. In two styles of binding.

7. **Orders for Ministerial Acts.** English, German, or German and English.

8. **Luther's Small Catechism.** German or English.

9. **Constitution for Congregations.** German or English.

10. **Constitution, By-Laws and Charter of General Council.** German or English.

11. **The Lutheran.** A Weekly for the Christian Home. The Organ of the General Council. Address, Rev. G. W. Sandt, 1204 Walnut st., Philadelphia.

12. **The Lutheran.** A monthly edition of the above at 50c a year.

13. **Lutheran Lesson Quarterly for Teachers.**

14. **Lutheran Lesson Quarterly for Scholars.**

15. **Sunbeams.** The Semi-Monthly Picture Lesson Paper for the Primary Department.

16. **Bible Stories.** Lessons for the Intermediate Department.

17. **Bible History.** Lessons for the Intermediate Department.

If these publications are secured direct from the GENERAL COUNCIL'S BOARD OF PUBLICATION, all the surplus from sales will go to the Mission Treasuries of the Council.

Address Mr. CHAS. B. OPP, Manager, 1522 Arch St., Philadelphia.

The Foreign Missionary. An illustrated monthly, issued at Philadelphia, in the interests of the Mission in India.

Missionsbote. The German Foreign Mission paper, issued monthly. Illustrated.

Siloah. The German Home Mission paper. Monthly. Illustrated.

All profits on these papers are devoted to the Missions of the General Council. The agent for these periodicals is

REV. H. GRAHN, D.D., 1233 N. 29th St., Philadelphia.

Officers of Synod.

President, Rev. MARTIN L. WAGNER, Vandalia, Ill.
Secretary, Rev. WILLIAM J. FINCK, Anderson, Ind.
Treasurer, Rev. I. WHITMAN, Wallace, Fountain Co. Ind.

Benevolent Work of Synod.

All contributions made under the head of Synodical Apportionment are devoted to the following five objects:

Foreign Missions in India under the control of the General Council.
Beneficiary Education in College and Seminary.
Home Missions of the Chicago Synod.
Ministerial Relief.
Synodical Expenses.

The following educational, charitable and missionary enterprises are earnestly commended by Synod to the prayerful consideration and liberality of all congregations:

Home Missions of the General Council.
The Theological Seminary, No. 1311 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago.
Jewish Missions, Rev. E. N. Heimann, 1305 Waveland Av., Chicago.
Passavant Memorial Hospital. 192 East Superior St., Chicago.
Passavant Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Illinois.
Deaconess Work, Mother-House, Milwaukee, Wis.
Dieckmann Home for the Aged, Vandalia, Ill.
Church Extension of the General Council.
Orphan Work, Zelienople, Pa.

CALL FOR WORKERS.

Deaconesses. Young women, members in good and regular standing of our Evangelical Lutheran Congregations, between the ages of 18 and 40, are earnestly urged to consider the call to become Deaconesses. Widows without children, meeting the above requirements, are also eligible. Unlimited opportunities to serve the Master are offered in this calling. Address,

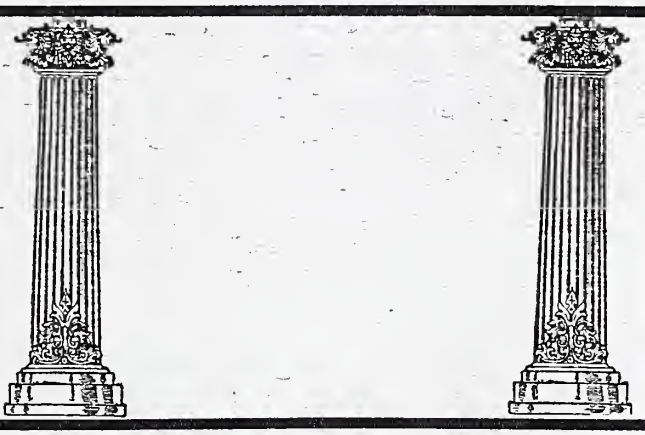
Rev. W. A. PASSAVANT, or Sister MARTHA GENSIKE,
Mother-House, Milwaukee, Wis.

Trained Nurses. A number of young Christian women between the ages of 20 and 35, with a good common school education, are wanted to take a two years' course to become trained nurses. Pupil-nurses are provided with board and wash and receive four dollars a month for their services. The next term begins September 1, 1900. Address,

Pass. Mem. Hospital, 192 E. Superior St., Chicago.

Thirty-First Convention

CHICAGO SYNOD



Tiosa, Indiana,
1901.

CALENDAR.

1901.

August 11—Tenth Sunday after Trinity. The day appointed for the commemoration of Jewish Missions.

October 3—Thursday, 10:00 a. m., Chicago Theological Seminary opens.

October 31—**Festival of the Reformation.**

It is recommended by the General Council, that on the Sunday nearest this Festival, offerings be made for its Home Mission Work in every Sunday School and Congregation.

November 21—Donation Day at Passavant Memorial Hospital, 192 E. Superior St., Chicago.

November 28—Donation Day at Passavant Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Ill.

December 1—First Sunday in Advent.

1902.

January 1—Circumcision of Christ—New Year.

January 6—**Epiphany.**

It is recommended by the General Council, that during the Epiphany Season, offerings be made for Foreign Missions.

February 12—Ash Wednesday, or First Day of Lent.

It is recommended by the General Council, that during Lent, self-denial offerings be made for Church Extension.

March 3—**Easter.**

April 30—Wednesday, 8:00 p. m., Annual Commencement of Chicago Theological Seminary.

May 8—Ascension Day.

May 18—**Whitsunday.**

June 4—Wednesday, 10:00 a. m., Thirty-second Convention of Chicago Synod, Nappanee, Indiana.

Officers of the General Council.

President, REV. MATTIS C. RANSEEN, D. D., 79 West Huron st., Chicago, Ill.
Secretary, REV. WILLIAM K. FRICK, 2305 Cedar st., Milwaukee, Wis.
Treasurer, WILLIAM H. STAAKE, Esq., 133 S. 12th st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Superintendent Home Missions, REV. J. C. KUNZMANN, Greensburg, Pa.
Superintendent Foreign Missions, REV. JOHN TELLEEN, Rock Island, Ill.

MINUTES

Thirty-first Annual Convention

Chicago Synod

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Paul's Church, Tiosa, Fulton Co., Indiana,

May 29 to June 3, 1901.

BENHAM-CRAVENS PRINTERY
ANDERSON, INDIANA.

MINUTES.

OPENING SERVICE.

The Thirty-first Annual Convention of the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church was held in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tiosa, Fulton County, Indiana, beginning May 29, 1901, at 10:00 a. m. The convention began with the Confessional and Morning Services of the Church Book, followed by the Synodical Sermon by the President, Rev. M. L. Wagner, based on I. Tim. 3:15, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

After the benediction, the President announced the names of the Committees on Examination and Credentials of Lay Delegates.

FIRST SESSION.

St. Paul's Church, Tiosa, Fulton Co., Ind.,

Wednesday, May 29, 1901, 2 p. m.

The President opened the first business session according to the Order of the Church Book.

The Roll of Ministers was called and the Committee on Credentials presented the list of lay delegates.

ROLL OF MINISTERS.

	NAME.	ORDINATION	PARISH.	ADDRESS.
1	Rev J Good, a e	1850	No Charge	Whitestown, Indiana.
2	Rev M J Stirewalt, D D, a e	1859	No Charge	New Augusta, Indiana.
3	Rev J Wesner,	1861	E Germantown	New Castle, Indiana.
4	Rev A V House,	1864	No Charge	Arcadia, Indiana.
5	Rev S Wagenhals, D D, a e	1868	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne, Indiana.
6	Rev C Kœrner, a e	1869	No Charge	521 LaSalle Av., Chicago.
7	Prof R F Weidner, D D, a e	1873	Professor	1311 Sheffield Av., Chicago.
8	Rev J M G Sappenfield,	1874	Claremont	Claremont, Illinois.
9	Prof G H Gerberding, D D,	1876	Professor	1315 Waveland Av., Chi'go.
10	Rev M L Wagner,	1884	Vandalia	Vandalia, Illinois.
11	Rev Polycarp C Wike,	1886	Colburn	Colburn, Indiana.
12	Rev William J Finck,	1887	Anderson	Anderson, Indiana,
13	Prof W A Sadtler, Ph D, a e	1888	Professor	Dubuque, Iowa.
14	Rev D L Reese,	1889	Whitestown	Lebanon, Indiana.
15	Rev A C Anda,	1894	Goshen	Goshen, Indiana.
16	Rev C L V Dozer,	1895	Alexandria	Alexandria, Indiana.
17	Rev Isaiah Whitman,	1896	Alamo	Wallace, Fountain Co., Ind.
18	Rev Austin D Crile,	1897	Wicker Park	81 LeMoyne St., Chicago.
19	Rev Luther Hogshead,	1897	Hicksville	Hicksville, Ohio.
20	Rev Loran O Pearch,	1898	.....	.....
21	Rev George P Kabele,	1898	St Matthew's	1678 Flournoy St., Chicago.
22	Rev Harry B Reed.	1899	St Peter's	1269 W. Division St., Ch'go.
23	Rev Zenan M Corbet,	1899	St Mark's	1311 Sheffield Av., Chi'go.
24	Rev Alonzo B Arbaugh,	1899	Syracuse	Syracuse, Indiana.
25	Prof P W H Frederick,	1899	St James'	1313 Waveland Ave. Ch'go.
26	Rev Hiram Peters, r	1873	Decatur	Decatur, Illinois.
27	Rev Geo F Dittmar, r	1901	Rochester	Tiosa, Fulton Co., Ind.
28	Rev William Eckert, r	1901	South Bend	South Bend, Indiana.
29	Rev M E Haberland, r	1901	St. Luke's	1461 N. Humboldt St. Ch'go
30	Rev Joel R E Hunt, r	1901	St. John's	Chicago, Illinois.
31	Rev Henry K Lantz, r	1901	Frankfort	Frankfort, Indiana.
32	Rev William H Shepfer, r	1901	Newberry	Newberry, Indiana.

Roll of Lay Delegates.

NAME.	PARISH.	RESIDENCE.
A. P. Johnson	Wicker Park	Chicago.
C. T. A. Anderson	Holy Trinity	Chicago.
H. S. K. Bartholomew	South Bend	Warsaw, Ind.
Chas. T. Wann	Hicksville	Hall's Corner, Allen Co., Ind.
Lars Undem	St. Luke's	Chicago.
J. S. Simon	First English	Goshen, Ind.
J. J. Kuhn	Syracuse	Etna Green, F. B. No. 1, Ind.
John V. Sappenfield	Lafayette	1311 Sheffield av., Chicago.
William Brewer	Colburn	Pettit, Ind.
Michael Rudisill	Alamo	Wallace, Ind.
J. D. Fritch	Frankfort	Frankfort, Ind.
Henry Bertsch	E. Germantown	Cambridge City, Ind.
Nathaniel S. Wentzel	Rochester	Bruce Lake, Fulton Co., Ind.
John Dreiman	Newberry	Verne, Knox Co., Ind.
J. Engelbert Heintz	Alexandria	Orestes, Ind.

Applicants for the Ministry.

The following Students of Theology were in attendance, and were granted the privilege of the floor:

Geo. F. Dittmar, Rochester, Ind.;
William Eckert, South Bend, Ind.;
M. Edmund Haberland, Chicago, Ill.;
J. R. E. Hunt, Chicago, Ill.;
Henry K. Lantz, Frankfort, Ind.;
Wm. H. Shepfer, Newberry, Ind.;
John V. Sappenfield, Student Theological Seminary, Chicago.

Visiting Ministers.

At this and subsequent sessions the following brethren were welcomed and invited to a seat and voice in the convention:

Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, Greensburg, Pa., Superintendent of the General Council Home Mission Board;

Rev. John Telleen, Rock Island, Ill., Superintendent of the General Council Foreign Mission Board.

Upon motion of Dr. Gerberding, the regular business was suspended and the time given to Rev. Mr. Kunzmann who presented the cause of church extension.

The President's Report.

DEAR BRETHREN: Another synodical year has passed into history, and its close finds us, through the providence of God, assembled again, with ranks unbroken by death, for the transaction of such business as in our humble judgment will best conduce to the advancement of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ here upon earth. Let us then, first of all, make due acknowledgment of God's goodness to us and invoke his blessings upon our labors. May he prosper the work which he has committed into our hands.

This initial year of the twentieth century, and the thirty-first of our Synod's existence, opens most auspiciously before us. Heretofore our energies were chiefly devoted to the retention of what we as a Synod had. Our work was largely an effort to gather up the fragments which were left us as our heritage. In this we have succeeded quite well, and are now come upon the stage from which we can not only look back with a degree of satisfaction, but forward also, and view the whole field before us. We have come to that point where we must throw out our forces and occupy the strategic points; plan for the extension of our work, so that our synodical structure may not only rest upon a solid foundation, but may also develop symmetrically and harmoniously in all its details. With institutions of mercy within our bounds appealing to the benevolence of our people and exhibiting most beautifully Lutheranism at work; with the seminary at hand and its stability assured, furnishing the workmen for the fields rapidly opening before us, we as a Synod surely have immense opportunities for doing good. Our Lord has set before us an open door and we are inexcusable if we do not enter therein and establish his work.

In my humble judgment, one thing we yet lack for a well-rounded and symmetrical work. That is, an institution of learning, where our youth may receive an education under positive Christian influence, and in a distinctively religious atmosphere. We need men and women in our congregations who are educated in the spirit and doctrine of our church, who have an intelligent comprehension of her doctrine, history, position, and influence. After the existence of almost a third of a century, is it not time that the Chicago Synod take some definite action looking toward the founding of an institution of learning? In this respect the Synod has done practically nothing. We hope, however, that the future will bring better results.

This year's service of your president, has been one of considerable labor and many vexations. At the beginning of the year, there existed five vacancies, besides mission points to be supplied. During the year five more were created by resignations, making ten parishes to be supplied with pastors, besides the manning of the missions. These vacancies, however, have all been filled with the exception of three, and one of these is likely to be filled at an early day. A source of much annoyance to your president is the delay, and in some cases the refusal of the officials of a parish, to communicate and counsel with him, with a view of securing a pastor. This causes needless delay and in some cases has been the cause of failure in securing an available and acceptable man.

Resignations.

Rev. William Evans resigned the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Chicago, Sep. 1, 1900.

Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield resigned the Gila parish, February 17, 1901.

Rev. William A. Sadtler, Ph. D., resigned St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago, May 1, 1901, in order that he might accept the call to the English professorship in the Theological Seminary of the Iowa Synod, Dubuque, Iowa.

Rev. A. J. Reichert resigned the Mulberry parish, May 1, 1901.

Rev. L. O. Pearch resigned the Corydon parish, June 1, 1901.

Dismissals.

Rev. William Evans desired a letter of dismissal to the Congregational Church. Your president declined to issue such letter on the ground that it is not the custom of the Chicago Synod, nor of the Lutheran Church, to dismiss pastors to other denominations, and on the further ground that the Rev. Mr. Evans in his letter to the church council of the Holy Trinity Church announcing his resignation, stated that this resignation also meant his withdrawal from the Lutheran Church.

Rev. A. J. Reichert, having accepted a call to Red Wing, Minn., was at his own request dismissed to the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest, May 20, 1901.

Rev. A. T. Clay, having accepted a call to a professorship in the University of Pennsylvania, was at his own request, dismissed to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, May 25, 1901.

Installations.

Rev. Hiram Peters, having accepted a call to the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Decatur, Ill., was installed November 18, 1900. Rev. Drs R. F. Weidner and W. A. Sadtler, upon my authority, performed the act of installation.

Rev. D. L. Reese, having accepted a call to the Whitestown parish, was installed by your president, July 22, 1900.

Calls Accepted.

Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield has been supplying the Claremont parish, and has received and accepted a call to said parish. Certain arrangements now perfecting make it desirable that the installation be deferred to a later date.

Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., has accepted a call from Holy Trinity, Chicago, and will enter upon his labors September 1. In the meantime Students H. T. Weber and W. J. Seiberling supply the pulpit.

Besides the calls already mentioned, the following students have received and accepted calls, and are candidates for ordination: Mr. H. K. Lantz, Frankfort; Mr. W. H. Shepfer, Newberry; Mr. William Eckert, South Bend; Mr. M. E. Haberland, St. Luke's, Chicago; Mr. J. R. E. Hunt, St. John's, Chicago; Mr. G. F. Dittmar, Rochester charge.

Corner-Stone Laying.

On Sunday, October 21, 1900, the corner-stone of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Saviour, Alexandria, Ind., was laid by Rev. W. J. Finck, assisted by the pastor, Rev. C. L. V. Dozer. The building is of pressed brick, and when completed will be without debt.

On Sunday, November 18, 1900, the corner-stone of St. Luke's, Chicago, was laid with appropriate services by Rev. Dr. G. H. Gerberding, assisted by Rev. A. D. Crile.

Dedications.

A new departure has been entered upon by the Colburn parish, in the line of Christian education. After several conferences, the members decided to open a parish school. The necessary lot was purchased, a building placed thereon, and a teacher secured in the person of Prof. G. M. Moser. September 11, 1900, the school was formally opened. The building was dedicated by

your president, after an appropriate sermon based on Prov. 9:10. The first year of the school has passed with results beyond the most sanguine expectations of its friends and patrons. For the ensuing year the school will be more thoroughly organized and equipped and better work will be done. We cherish the hope that other parishes will follow in this work.

On Sunday, October 28, the beautiful brick structure erected by Zion's congregation, East Germantown, was dedicated by your president. Rev. J. C. Kunzman preached the dedicatory sermon. This is the oldest Lutheran congregation in the state, and we rejoice in the evidences of its life and vigor.

On Sunday, January 13, 1901, St. Luke's, Chicago, was dedicated by Rev. A. D. Crile, Dr. Weidner preaching the dedicatory sermon. The church is a two-story brick structure, at the corner of Mariana and Francisco streets.

Congregations Organized.

Rev. L. G. Grey organized St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chadwick, Ill., in February last. They have a good church building and are now engaged in erecting a parsonage. Rev. Mr. Grey has been dismissed by the Synod of the Northwest to our Synod, and expects with his congregation to be received into this body.

On June 3, 1900, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Saviour, Alexandria, Ind., was organized by the pastor, Rev. C. L. V. Dozer. It will apply for admission at this convention.

The Chicago Seminary.

The Seminary recently closed its tenth year and sent forth sixteen graduates, six of whom have accepted calls within the bounds of our Synod. That this institution is becoming more and more an important factor in the development of our Synod can no longer be questioned. Without it our ministerial ranks could not be recruited nor the new fields constantly opening be occupied. It is therefore a cause for rejoicing to know that the Seminary authorities are preparing for better and more thorough work. Three regular professors are now in charge, the third one, Rev. Prof. Elmer F. Krauss, having been called during the past year, and was installed Oct. 4, 1900, the installation services being held in Wicker Park Church. He occupies the chair of New Testament Greek and Exegesis.

And now, Brethren, let us stand fast in the profession of our

faith without wavering, let us faithfully discharge the duties that devolve upon us, knowing that our work is not in vain.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. WAGNER.

The report was received to be referred to the proper committee upon its appointment.

Partial Report of the Examination Committee.

We, your Committee, desire to state that Rev. Hiram Peters appeared before us, making application for membership in the Chicago Synod, presenting a letter of dismissal from the District Synod of Ohio, which letter is hereto attached, and as the Rev. Hiram Peters expressed himself in thorough sympathy with the Synod's Constitution and work, we recommend that he be received as a member of our Synod. THE COMMITTE.

The report was adopted and Rev. Mr. Peters signed the Constitution.

Election of Officers.

The President appointed lay delegates Anderson, Brewer, and Simon as tellers. The election resulted as follows:

President—Rev. M. L. Wagner, Vandalia, Illinois;
Secretary—Rev. William J. Finck, Anderson, Indiana;
Treasurer—Rev. Isaiah Whitman, Wallace, Fountain Co., Indiana.

The hours for opening and closing the sessions were fixed as follows: 8:00 to 11:00 for the morning; 2:00 to 5:00 for the afternoon; and 7:30 for beginning the evening session.

A schedule of services for afternoon and evening services was adopted as suggested by the President.

The President completed the Standing Committees and appointed the Regular Committes as follows:

Standing Committees.

Examination—Rev. J. Wesner, G. H. Gerberding, D.D., P. C. Wike, A. D. Crile, and A. C. Anda.

Foreign Missions—Rev. L. O. Pearch, C. L. V. Dozer, and Mr. H. S. K. Bartholomew.

Home Missions—Rev.A.C.Anda, G H.Gerberding,D.D., G.P.Kabele, H.Peters, A.H.Arbaugh, and Messrs. C.T.A.Anderson, A.P.Johnson, and Lars Undem.

Education—Rev.J.Wesner, Isaiah Whitman, and Mr.J.J.Kuhn.

Benevolence—Rev.Z.M.Corbet, H.Peters, and Mr.Wm.Brewer.

Discipline—Rev.L.Hogshead, D.L.Reese, J.M.G.Sappenfield, P.C.Wike, and A.V.House.

Reception of Congregations—Rev.P.C.Wike, C.L.V.Dozer, and Mr John V.Sappenfield.

Parochial Reports and Apportionments—Rev.I.Whitman, D.L.Reese, H.B.Reed, and Messrs.J.D.Fritch, and Henry Bertsch.

Regular Committees.

Credentials—Rev.L.Hogshead, A.H.Arbaugh, and H.B.Reed.

President's Report—Rev.G.H.Gerberding,D.D., A.C.Anda, and Hiram Peters.

Treasurer's Report—Messrs.C.T.A.Anderson, Michael Rudisill, and Nathaniel Wentzel.

On Protocol—Rev.P.W.H Frederick, and Z.M.Corbet.

On Absentees—Rev.A.D.Crile, D.L.Reese, and Mr.J.S.Simon.

On Conferences—Rev.C.L.V.Dozer, and H.B.Reed.

On Press—Lutheran, Dr.Gerberding; Young Lutheran, Committee on Young Lutheran; Local Press, Rev.C.L.V.Dozer.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. C. L. V. Dozer.

SECOND SESSION.

Thursday, May 30, 1901, 8 a. m.

The devotional services consisted of the full Matin Service. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

From W. J. Finck, former Treasurer	$ 144 31	
Offerings at Synod, Church Extension	7 00	
Offerings at Synod, Benevolence	25 35	
Offerings at Synod, Education	7 62	
Offerings at Synod, Foreign Missions	10 00	
Offerings at Synod, Home for the Aged	11 52	
Ministerial Relief	10 45	
Works of Mercy	42 00	
Church Extension, General Council	77 11	
Home Missions, General Council	79 13	
Foreign Missions, Special	69 43	
Apportionment	1853 91	$2337 83

DISBURSEMENTS.

Church Extension, General Council	$ 84 11	
Works of Mercy	78 87	
Education	350 00	
Foreign Missions	216 00	
Home Missions, General Council	72 23	
Synodical Expenses	152 57	
Synodical Home Missions	1098 93	
Cash on Hand	285 12	$2337 83

Receipts in Detail.

JUNE 7, 1900—MAY 29, 1901.

PARISH.	CONGREGATIONS.	DELI'Y.	APPO'T.	SPECI'L	TOTAL.
Alamo	Phanuel	$	$ 23 00	$ 14 30	$ 37 30
	Emmanuel		15 50	2 36	17 86
	Philadelphia	2 86	9 00		11 86
Alexandria	Our Saviour		6 00	6 26	12 26
Anderson	St. John's		29 82	7 28	37 10
	Mt. Zion's		14 50	2 85	17 30
Chicago	Holy Trinity		151 00		151 00
"	St. John's.		16 07	3 00	19 07
"	Wicker Park		100 00	54 35	154 35
"	St. Mark's		36 50		36 50
"	St. James'	1 00	7 00	10 50	18 50
"	St. Matthew's	2 00	15 90		17 90
"	St. Peter's		16 50		16 50
"	St. Luke's				
Claremont	St. James'	7 43	69 00	4 00	80 43
Colburn	St. John's.		30 00	16 87	46 87
	Zion's		22 80	18 50	41 30
	Bethel.	7 50	18 00		25 50
Corydon	Mt. Solomon		42 64		42 64
Crisman	Hope				
Decatur	First English		46 17	5 00	51 17
East Germantown	Zion's		10 00	34	10 34
	St. James'		16 50	5 45	21 95
	St. John's		16 50	5 03	21 53
Fort Wayne	Holy Trinity		320 00		320 00
Frankfort	St. Paul's.		37 50		37 50
Gila	Union		41 30		41 30
Goshen	First English		88 00		88 00
Hicksville	St. John's.		30 00	24 76	54 76
	Lost Creek		39 00	20 18	59 18
	Zion's		14 00	6 46	20 46
Lafayette	Zion's				
Mulberry	Zion's		61 76	60 00	121 76
	Fairhaven		40 98		40 98
Newberry	St. Peter's		30 00		30 00
	Mt. Zion's		27 00		27 00
Portland	Zion's		2 75	2 19	4 94
Rochester	St. Paul's.		32 50		32 50
	St. John's.		13 00		13 00
South Bend	Holy Trinity		4 00		4 00
Syracuse	St. Paul's.		15 00	3 00	18 00
	Emmanuel		27 00		27 00
	Syracuse		11 50		11 50
Vandalia	St. James'		42 00		42 00
Whitestown	Union.	1 95	9 50		11 45
	Salem		55 00		55 00
	St. Mark's	19 98	63 50		83 48
	St. James'	20 36	56 00		76 39

Of the forty-eight congregations in Synod, thirty-five have paid their apportionment in full or over paid. The following are delinquent to the amounts designated:

St. John's, Chicago	$ 17 33
St. Luke's, Chicago	2 00
Zion's, Colburn	4 70
Corydon, Mt. Solomon	7 36
Hope, Crisman	39 30
First English, Decatur	3 83
Zion's, East Germantown	96 38
St. Jacob's, East Germantown	30 92
Union, Gila	167 65
Zion's, Mulberry	13 24
Fair Haven, Mulberry	11 52
St. John's, Rochester	91 88
Zion's, Portland	16 75
	$502 84

ISAIAH WHITMAN, Treasurer.

Money received during this convention:

St. John's, Chicago, J. R. E. Hunt.....$17 33

The report was received and referred to the proper committee.

Report of Committee on President's Report

Your Committee on President's Report would most respectfully offer the following:

1. That we approve of the official acts of the President.

2. That our pastors again call the attention of their congregations to the two hospitals on our territory, and urge the sending of donations in the shape of produce, meats, dried and canned fruits, jellies, etc., and that they also keep before their churches the need of deaconesses for the Work of Mercy.

3. That all our congregations and Sunday schools take up an annual announced envelope offering for our Seminary, the envelopes to be furnished free by the Seminary; also that the Luther Leagues and ladies' societies be urged to make annual contributions to this work. All these contributions are to be sent through the Synodical treasurer.

4. In the matter of an educational institution, we recommend that our pastors keep it before their people and be on the look-out

for men or women of means who might be helpful in the founding of such a school, and that the Committee on Educational Institutions be continued.

5. That all our congregations be again instructed that all prospective vacancies be reported to the President of Synod, and that his advice be sought in the securing of a pastor.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted item by item.

On the Special Committee on Educational Institutions the name of Rev. P. C. Wike was substituted for the name of Dr. Sadtler, and Dr. Gerberding was named as chairman.

The adoption of the By-Laws was under consideration when the hour for adjournment arrived.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Hiram Peters.

THIRD SESSION.

Thursday, May 30, 1901, 2 p. m.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. C. A. Anda. The minutes were read and approved.

The consideration of the By-Laws was continued. The remaining articles were adopted and the By-Laws were adopted as a whole to go into effect at once.

(See Appendix.)

The adoption of the proposed plan for regulating beneficiary education was taken up and considered section by section. The consideration was pending when the hour of the special order of the schedule of services arrived devoting the time to the presentation of Foreign Missions. Rev. J. Telleen addressed the Synod, whereupon the roll was called and each pastor made a brief statement of the Foreign Mission interest manifested in his charge during the past year.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. J. Wesner.

FOURTH SESSION.

Friday, May 31, 1901, 8 a. m.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Loran O. Pearch. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials recommended the reception of John Dreiman as delegate of the Newberry charge. The recommendation was adopted and the name was added to the roll. The privileges of the floor were granted to the candidates for ordination present.

The pending business was deferred until the hearing and adoption of the report of the Home Mission Committee.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the treasurer, beg leave to report that we have carefully compared the items of the report with the cash book accounts and vouchers, and find the report correct. THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted.

The report of the Home Mission Committee was received and considered item by item. It was under discussion when the hour of adjournment arrived.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. V. House.

FIFTH SESSION.

Friday, May 31, 1901, 2 p. m.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Hiram Peters. The minutes were read and approved.

The consideration of the report of the Home Mission Committee, pending at the close of last session, was continued and the report adopted as here recorded.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

Your Committee would respectfully report as follows:

The Committee has had two meetings since the last convention

of Synod, besides the meetings held during this convention. The business transacted at these meetings, and the work done during the past year, are summarized in this report.

The Missions.

The Board of Home Missions of the General Council aids three missions on our territory, namely: St. John's, Chicago; St. John's, Anderson, Ind., and the First English, Decatur, Ill.

During the past year the Synod has extended aid to nine missions, namely: St. James', St. Luke's, St. Matthew's, and St. Peter's, Chicago, Ill.; Our Blessed Saviour, Alexandria, Ind.; Zion's, Portland, Ind.; Hope, Crisman, Ind.; Zion's, Lafayette, Ind., and Waukegan, Ill. Other mission points receiving no aid are Holy Trinity, South Bend, Ind., and St. John's, Nappanee, Ind., the former of which, however, applies for synodical aid for this synodical year.

St. James', Chicago, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, missionary. This mission has a communicant membership of nineteen; received since last convention of Synod, eight; losses, seven. It has a flourishing Sunday School of 120 scholars and eight teachers. The income of the school was $25.28, and of the congregation $125.25. During the past year this mission has shown signs of prosperity, if not of rapid growth. The pastor, because of his duties in the Seminary, has not had all the time he desired for this work. Accordingly, Student Shepfer has assisted him.

The congregation is now hopeful of the future. They have of late unanimously decided upon a lot 29½x125 feet, on the corner of Drake avenue and Mariana street. This lot can be obtained for $750.00. All who know the situation consider it a desirable purchase. The pastor will spend a number of weeks to collect funds to pay for the lot, and if possible, also for a church building. During the absence of the pastor, Student Paul Gerberding will be in charge, whose salary will be paid by the pastor. This mission asks for $125.00 for the five summer months.

St. Luke's, Chicago, Student M. E. Haberland, Missionary. This mission was very fortunate in securing as a gift from Mr. Hair, a desirable lot worth $2,000, on the condition that it build thereon a church worth $3,000, $1,000 of which were to be raised in actual cash before the delivery of the deed. By September 1, the $1,000 were secured and the deed to the lot was at once transferred without condition. An adjoining lot worth $900 was also

purchased from Mr. Hair for $400. A loan was negotiated and work on the building of a neat brick chapel begun at once. It was dedicated on January 13. The building and furnishings cost $3,800. Its property is considered worth $7,000, with an indebtedness of $3,500, $1,000 of which consist of a floating debt, which must be met by the first of the year.

Its present communicant membership is nineteen. It has an active Sunday School with an average attendance of about ninety-five. Its Ladies' Aid Society subscribed $200 for the building. During the winter the missionary was assisted by students of the Seminary. The missionary has received a unanimous call from the congregation to become its permanent pastor.

The outlook for the work is very bright and promising, but at the present time the congregation is unable to do anything toward supporting the pastor, owing to the floating indebtedness which must be removed. Last year $120 per year for three years were voted by Synod to this mission for interest on its debt. It has applied for $300 additional for the support of its pastor for the ensuing year.

St. Matthew's, Chicago. Rev. Geo. P. Kabele, missionary. This mission is making steady progress. During the past year the indebtedness has been reduced $117, and twenty-four communicant members received; losses, seven; present communicant membership, seventy. The Sunday School has 130 scholars and eleven teachers with an income during the past year of $98.98. An interesting Ladies' Aid Society, a Young Ladies' Auxiliary, and a Luther League are maintained, and a neat parish paper published, which is of great benefit to the church. The total expenditures of the congregation for the year were $629.62. It property, including the lot, is valued at $2,400. Its indebtedness is $233, excluding the price of the lot which the congregation has not yet been able to purchase.

At its April meeting the congregation unanimously increased the pastor's salary from $20 to $25 per month and resolved that the Home Mission Committee of Synod be respectfully requested to supplement this with $200 for the synodical year. The outlook for the next year is very encouraging. Chicago's building boom is manifest on every hand in the community. The chapel, however, sadly needs calcimine within and paint without. A vestibule and a new carpet were placed in the church the past year.

St. Peter's, Chicago, Rev. H. B. Reed, missionary. Encouraging progress has been made by St. Peter's during the past year in every way. Activity has characterized the work in the congregation and societies. During the year twenty communicant members were received, losses four; present membership sixty-six. The Sunday School has grown very materially, now numbering 250 members, with seventeen officers and teachers. The Luther League and Ladies' Aid have done exceptionally good wook. A Men's Guild was recently organized.

The financial showing is very gratifying. Aside from the $300 granted by Synod, the sum of $935.31 has been received through the congregation and the various societies. $134 of this came through the Sunday School.

The basement of the church which is to be used for Sunday School rooms, is nearing completion. Progress here has been somewhat slow, as the congregation has decided to incur no further debt in its completion. As soon as this is finished the church will be dedicated.

An extra expense was laid upon the congregation during the past year by the laying of a cement sidewalk in front of the property by the city. The congregation looks hopefully forward to a year of happy progress. This mission petitions Synod for $300 for this year.

Hope, Crisman, Ind. This field was cared for during the summer by Student Dittmar. Efforts were made to have it united to a neighboring Swedish parish of the Augustana Synod, but on finding this arrangement would be unsatisfactory, it was taken in charge by the joint Synod of Ohio, which has been caring for it since last Christmas.

Zion's, Lafayette, Ind. During the past winter this mission has been supplied every two weeks by students from the Seminary. Student J. V. Sappenfield has been secured to carry on the work for the summer. It has a membership of twenty-two at present. There was no missionary on the field during the winter, and the little flock has become somewhat discouraged as a consequence, but it is hoped that this will be overcome during the summer.

Our Blessed Saviour, Alexandria, Ind., Rev. C. L. V. Dozer, missionary. This mission has a confirmed membership of thirty-one, accessions during the year, twelve; losses, two. It has a Sunday School of thirty-five, with an income of $13.30. Total ex-

penditures of the mission, $118.86. The prospects here are improving and there is a growing interest and participation in the work. By autumn, at farthest, it hopes to meet in its own beautiful and commodious house of worship now about ready to be roofed, which will give an impetus to the work.

ZION'S, Portland, Ind., Rev. C. L. V. Dozer, missionary. We have not at hand a complete report from this field. It has a communicant membership of about twenty-five, and a Sunday School of about twenty scholars and six teachers and officers. The total expenditures of this mission have been about $85.47. Its property is worth about $2,500.

HOLY TRINITY, South Bend, Ind., Student Wm. Eckert, missionary. This mission has a communicant membership of thirty-three, accessions during the past year 18, losses 1. It has a Sunday School of fifty-five scholars and eight teachers and officers, with an income of about $55. The total expenditures of the church were $425. In April the congregation unanimously called Student Wm. Eckert to become its pastor, and has promised him a salary of $300, and request that this be supplemented with $200 by Synod. The question of securing a lot has been discussed and a committee appointed to select a suitable location. The outlook is very encouraging and there are now a few applications for membership.

Waukegan, Ill. Work was begun here in October in connection with Kenosha, Wis., and was carried on during the winter by students of the Seminary. Student Baisler, called to be pastor at Kenosha, at present has charge of the work at this point, which so far has been largely experimental. No report of the present stage of the work is at hand.

ST. JOHN'S, Nappanee, Ind. During the past year the Rev. A. H. Arbaugh gathered and organized this congregation. It now has a communicant membership of twenty-three. Nappanee is a city of about 2,500 inhabitants. The congregation has purchased a lot and is now raising funds for a church building. It becomes a part of the Syracuse parish and will not ask for synodical aid.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

June 7, 1900, Balance Cash on Hand..... .....$	55
May 30, 1901, Amount Received from Treasurer of Synod	1098 93
May 30, Balance Due Treasurer.....	37 24

EXPENDITURES.

To St. Peter's, Chicago, H. B. Reed	$275 00	
To St. Matthew's, Chicago, G. P. Kabele	150 00	
To St. James', Chicago, P. W. H. Frederick	125 00	
To St. Luke's, Chicago, M. E. Haberland	52 25	
To Portland and Alexandria, C. L. V. Dozer	259 00	
To Crisman, Ind., G. F. Dittmar	66 66	
To Lafayette, Ind., A. J. Reichert	167 40	
To Waukegan, Ill., Baisler and Monroe	27 18	
To Interest on Loans, Exchange and Postage	14 23	
		$1136 72

AMOUNTS DUE.

To Geo. P. Kabele, February 1 to May 1	$50 00	
To C. L. V. Dozer, February 1 to May 1	75 00	
To H. B. Reed, March 1 to May 1	50 00	
Due Treasurer	37 24	
		$ 212 24
Appropriation called for	$1370 00	
Amount received	1098 93	
Deficit	271 07	

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. T. A. ANDERSON.

Recommendations.

1. That the work may not suffer in the different fields, we would respectfully recommend the following appropriations:

$300 to St. Peter's, Chicago.
$200 to St. Matthew's, Chicago.
$300 to St. Luke's, Chicago.
$100 to St. James', Chicago, from May to September.
$150 to Our Blessed Saviour, Alexandria, Ind.
$150 to Zion's, Portland, Ind.
$125 to Holy Trinity, South Bend, Ind.

That Synod appropriate $90 to Lafayette on condition that the Seminary support two students, the present missionary being one, to take charge during the winter, whose traveling expenses shall be paid by the mission and helping churches, and that ordained ministers be asked to supply this congregation when possible.

2. For the ensuing year we respectfully ask the Synod to place at our disposal the sum of $1,600, in order that the Lord's work may be prosecuted within the bounds of Synod.

3. That the Home Mission Committee be authorized to raise funds to be used at its discretion.

4. That the Synod authorize the Committee to borrow money not to exceed $300. THE COMMITTEE.

The special order was set aside to hear the

Report of the Committee on Reception of Congregations.

We have received an application from the Church of Our Blessed Saviour, Alexandria, Ind., praying for membership in this body. It has adopted a constitution sound in doctrine according to the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. We recommend that it be received, entered upon the roll of congregations, and that its properly authorized commissioner sign the Constitution of Synod. THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted and the commissioner signed the constitution as directed.

The Committee on Credentials recommended the reception of delegate J. Engelbert Heintz, of Alexandria. The recommendation was adopted and his name was added to the roll.

The presentation of the subject of Home Missions for this session was deferred and the consideration of the plan for regulating beneficiary education was continued and adopted as a whole. Whereupon it was unanimously decided that the plan go into effect at the next annual meeting, and that it be incorporated as Article IX. of the By-Laws, Article IX. of the By-Laws becoming Article X.

(See Appendix.)

The secretary was instructed to have a sufficient number of extra pages of the By-Laws printed to bind with the pages containing the Constitution now in his hands.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. L. Reese.

SIXTH SESSION.

Saturday, June 1, 1901, 8 a. m.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. H. B. Reed. The roll was called. The reading of the minutes was deferred to the next session.

Report of Committee on Protocol and Minutes of Previous Convention.

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the protocol of the last convention and find it correctly entered. We would also call attention to the following items in the printed minutes:

1. On page 15, we find the recommendation that the members of our congregations keep in touch with the church at large by taking a church paper. To this end the Lutheran and the Synod's Edition of the Young Lutheran are recommended.

2. On page 18, we find that it was resolved to memorialize the General Council to publish a weekly paper adapted to the Intermediate Department of the Sunday School and we ask that this be done.

3. On page 33, we find the recommendation that every pastor be diligent and earnest in seeking out such boys and young men as have the proper qualifications for the holy office and call their attention to the blessed work, and endeavor to lead them to prepare for the ministry, and that the roll of pastors be called each year and that each report what he has done in this matter.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted. The roll was called and the pastors responded to items one and three.

Report of Directors of the Dieckmann Home.

In compliance with the resolution of Synod, (See Min. 1899, p. 27) the following report of the Dieckmann Memorial Home for the Aged, is submitted.

The annual meeting of the Corporation and Board of Directors was held in the home on April 2. Four members of the board were present, the others being unavoidably absent. But little business was transacted by the Corporation, aside from the election of Rev. Luther Hogshead to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation

of Rev. A. D. Crile, and Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield as the successor to Rev. A. J. Reichert, as members of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors.

The treasurer's account shows that the receipts from all sources, including a balance from last year, to April 2, was $332.23, and the expenditures $129.59, leaving a balance of $209.64. The taxes for 1900, amounting to over $100, are to be paid out of this balance.

Last year the statement was made that hereafter the property would be exempt from taxes. The Board of Review of Fayette County declined to place it on the exemption list last year. Another effort will be made at the coming session of the Board of Review to have it placed on the exemption list.

Some repairs were found necessary on the frame building in order to preserve it in a good condition. These were ordered made and have been made since the meeting of the board. The expense involved will deplete the treasury. Both buildings are occupied by good tenants, and the income from that source has enabled the treasurer to defray all expenses.

The treasurer received from St. John's, Hicksville, sufficient funds for the furnishing of a room. This money is held for that purpose. Besides this, we have promises from several other congregations to furnish like amounts.

Within the past year the Home has cared for, during a period of severe illness, an old gentleman who has made it a residuary legatee in his will. He declines to enter the Home as an inmate, but has made the above mentioned provision in consideration of the care he is to receive in case of his sickness or disability. Last fall he was seriously sick and the Home cared for him until he recovered. We are therefore, in a manner, doing a work of charity.

During the year the chairman has received a number of letters of inquiry concerning the institution, the terms of admission. etc., from persons who had some thought of entering it. These inquiries he has answered to the best of his ability, but nothing definite resulted. We have not had a bonafide application for admission and therefore have taken no definite steps for opening the institution. We have an application from a most excellent lady for the position of matron, so that when we have a bonafide application for admission, we may be ready to open the Home on a small scale.

In the meantime we endeavor to keep the institution and its proposed merciful work before the public. We conserve all the

funds available for its use, and express the hope that in the near future we may see this Home throw its sheltering arms over the aged poor of our church. But in order to realize this we must ask for the support of our brethren. M. L. WAGNER, Chairman.

The report was received for insertion in the minutes.

Report of Committee on Conferences.

We, your Committee on Conferences, beg leave to report the following:

The Northern Conference held one meeting in St. John's Church, Bruce Lake, Ind., Tuesday and Wednesday, September 25 and 26, 1900. A constitution was adopted provisionally, and is recommended by the committee to the approval of Synod.

The Southern Conference has held two meetings in the interim. One at Mt. Solomon Church, Harrison county, Ind., September 4, 5, and 6, 1900, and the other at Bethel Church of the Colburn parish, April 9 and 10, 1901. At the latter place our first Sunday School joint-meeting with conference was held. The meetings were well attended and profitable.

No action was taken by either Conference requiring special action of Synod. THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received, the constitution of the Northern Conference submitted was read in open session and the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Absentees.

Your Committee begs leave to report the following:

1. We recommend that the brethren, Weidner, Koerner, Wagenhals, Good, and Sadtler, be excused for their absence from this convention.

2. We recommend that the brethren, Kabele, Corbet, and Crile, be excused from attendance upon Synod after the afternoon session of Saturday.

3. We recommend that delegates C. T. A. Anderson, Lars Undem, who wish to return home Friday afternoon, and Mr. A. P. Johnson and Mr. J. D. Fritch, who wish to return to their homes Saturday, be excused. THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Relief.

1. Pursuant to the action of Synod of last year in reference to the funeral expenses of the late Rev. A. E. Gift, the committee paid the bill in full, receiving for this purpose voluntary contributions from members of the Synod and from the two congregations of the parish of the deceased.

2. During the last synodical year we have had but one applicant, Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, D.D., who has been paid $100, the amount appropriated for him by Synod at its last convention. Whereas he is still in need and asks for further aid, we recommend that Synod appropriate $100 for his benefit during the ensuing year, to be paid by the treasurer quarterly as follows: on the first of September and December, 1901, and on the first of March and May, 1902.

3. We recommend further that in view of the continued sore affliction of Brother Stirewalt, the united prayers of Synod be offered in his behalf, and that Dr. G. H. Gerberding lead therein, on the adoption of the report of this committee.

4. We recommend lastly that Synod appropriate $200 as a relief fund for the ensuing year, to be placed at the disposal of the committee. THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted and the Synod engaged in prayer, led by Dr. Gerberding.

Report of Examination Committee.

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following report:

1. Six candidates for ordination, all graduates of the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, appeared before the Committee, presenting applications in writing, (which applications are herewith submitted), and each having received a regular call to become pastors of congregations as follows: George Frank Dittmar, of the Rochester charge, Tiosa and Bruce Lake, Ind.; William Eckert, of the Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Mission, South Bend, Ind.; Michael Edmund Haberland, of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Chicago, Ill.; Henry Kaufman Lantz, of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Frankfort, Ind.; William Henry Shepfer, of the Newberry charge, Newberry and Monroe City, Ind.; Joel Ransom Ellis Hunt, of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Chicago, Ill.

Your Committee has examined the above named applicants

individually and collectively as to their theological attainments, and spiritual fitness, and therefore unanimously recommends

a. That their requests be granted.

b. That the ordination service take place on Sunday, June 2, 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m.

2. With respect to the application of Rev. L. G. Grey, your Committee does not see its way clear to recommend his reception into this body. THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Benevolence.

Your Committee, acting upon the instructions of the President, has made arrangements for a service during the session of Synod, at which the subject of Benevolence will be discussed.

We recommend that the offerings received at this service be divided among the institutions at Jacksonville, Chicago and Vandalia.

We also would urge that the pastors of the Synod make more systematic effort to bring the institutions of mercy within the bounds of our Synod before the laity. THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

It was decided to divide the offerings of the Home Mission service equally between Home and Jewish Missions.

Under Election of Trustees, Mr. Nels Johnson was re-elected trustee for three years, making the list of trustees as follows:

Mr. Wm. K. Wesner, Newberry, Indiana, term expires 1902.
A. G. Webber, Esq., Decatur, Illinois, term expires 1903.
Mr. Nels Johnson, Chicago, term expires 1904.

Delegates to the General Council.

For the election of delegates to the General Council, the President appointed Rev. Mr. Kabele, and lay delegates Brewer and Simon as tellers. The election resulted as follows:

CLERICAL PRIMARII—Rev. M. L. Wagner, ex-officio, Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., Rev. Hiram Peters.

Lay Primarii—C. T. A. Anderson, S. R. Meck, Wm. Brewer.

Clerical Secundi—Rev. S. Wagenhals, D.D., Rev. Luther Hogshead, Rev. A. C. Anda.

Lay Secundi—M. L. Deck, J. D. Fritch, Geo. Perschbacher.

On motion it was decided that the officers of Synod in connection with the pastor *loci*, arrange for papers on doctrinal and practical subjects for three afternoons of the next convention.

Report of Committee on Young Lutheran.

We, your Committee on Young Lutheran, would respectfully report that the Synodical Edition has been regularly issued, but that the number of copies has fallen to 1,000. The Committee feels that unless there be an increase in the number of subscribers it will not continue the edition longer than the end of the present year.

The Committee.

The report was adopted and the committee continued with authority to act.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, report that two meetings in the interest of this great cause were held. Thursday afternoon our Missionary Superintendent Rev. J. Telleen presented the needs of the work, and in the evening addresses were made by the brethren Dozer, Hogshead and Telleen. Offerings were $7.75.

We would recommend

1. That Synod appropriate $200 to this cause for the ensuing year.

2. That pastors lead their people to regular giving once a month or at least once every three months devoted solely to this cause.

3. That pastors encourage their congregations, societies, and individual members of means to support native students.

4. That this Synod petition the General Council to authorize the Publication Board to issue tracts and paper-bound books on foreign mission work and history to be circulated at cost.

The Committee.

The report was received and adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. P. C. Wike.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Saturday, June 1, 1901, 2 p. m.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield. The minutes for the two preceding sessions were read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Educational Institution.

Recognizing the pressing need of higher education of a Christian character throughout the bounds of our Synod, we call the attention of Synod, and especially the ministers, to the importance of diligently keeping this matter before our people through the discussion of papers in the Conferences, Luther Leagues, Sunday School Conventions and all other proper avenues of information.

1. We recommend that Synod take favorable action looking to the establishment of an academy as early as possible, with the understanding that such academy shall be the initiatory step toward our coveted college.

2. That a special committee be appointed consisting of four clergymen and three laymen with power to act if in their wisdom an opportunity is presented for the opening of an academy, provided the committee does not incur expense to be provided for by synodical apportionment or appropriations of any kind whatsoever.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted.

The order of the schedule was suspended and the consideration of reports continued.

Report of Committee on Parochial Reports and Apportionments.

1. Your Committee would respectfully report that we have made the apportionments on the basis of five dollars for each minister, except those who are superannuated, and of sixty cents for each communicant member for the coming year, making exceptions only in the case of missions and those congregations which are practically missions.

2. We further recommend that the conditions under which delinquencies could be cancelled during the past year be continued during the coming year.

3. The tables of apportionments and the tabulated Parochial reports are herewith presented as a part of this report.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted.

At the request of the Alamo charge, the name of the charge was changed to Wallace.

Adjourned with prayer led by the President.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Monday, June 3, 1901, 8 a. m.

The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Luther Hogshead. The calling of the roll and the reading of the minutes were deferred to the close of the session.

The secretary reported that the candidates ordained yesterday morning had signed the Constitution and that their names had been added to the roll.

Report of Committee on Education.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows:

1. That the following named students received aid from the Synod to enable them to continue their studies the past year, viz: Howard E. Snyder, at Thiel College, Greenville, Pa.; Andrew M. Sappenfield, at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.; John V. Sappenfield, at the Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.; Oliver O. Yung, at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kans.

2. Satisfactory reports having been received of the progress made in their studies and of their moral standing in the schools in which they are connected, your Committee would recommend that an appropriation be made to each of these students to aid them the ensuing year, as follows: John V. Sappenfield, $100; Oliver O. Yung, $75; Howard E. Snyder, $100; Andrew M. Sappenfield, $100.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

The treasurer offered the following budget of expenses for the next year: Synodical Home Missions, $1,600.00;

Education, $375.00; Foreign Missions, $200.00; Synodical Expenses, $200.00; Ministerial Relief, $200.00. Total, $2,575.00.

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to our congregations the gathering of special offerings for the Home Missions of the General Council at the Reformation Festival and for Church Extension during the Lenten Season, and that the funds thus secured be sent through our synodical treasurer.

Resolution of Thanks.

RESOLVED I. That at the close of this the thirty-first convention of the Chicago Synod, we tender to the pastor, members and friends of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church our sincere thanks for the kind hospitality shown us during our stay.

RESOLVED II. That we express our hearty gratification at the deep interest manifested in all the sessions and services of the convention, evidenced by the large attendances and the close attention given to all subjects presented by the various speakers.

RESOLVED III. That the pastor read these resolutions to the congregation at the first public services held in this house of worship.

Invitations for the next convention were received from Emmanuel Church, Nappanee, Kosciusko County, Ind., and Phanuel Church, Wallace, Fountain County, Ind. The former was accepted by ballot. Time, Wednesday, June 4, 1902, 10:00 a. m.

The Secretary was ordered to have two thousand copies of the Minutes printed.

On motion, Rev. J. Wesner was appointed assistant to Dr. Stirewalt as keeper of the archives.

Rev. Mr. Wagner reported progress on the preparation of his history of the Synod.

The President appointed the Standing and Special Committees.

Standing Committees.

Examination—Rev. Hiram Peters, S.Wagenhals, D.D., G.H.Gerberding, D.D., A.D.Crile, Luther Hogshead.

Home Missions—Rev.A.C.Anda. H.Peters, G.H.Gerberding, D.D., A.H.Arbaugh, P.C.Wike, and Messrs.C.T.A.Anderson, A.P.Johnson, C.E.Eckstrom, S.R.Meck.

Foreign Missions—Rev.J.R E.Hunt, M.E.Haberland, and Mr. Lars Undem.

Education—Rev.J Wesner, P.W.H Frederick, and Mr. Chas. T. Wann.

Benevolence—Rev. D.L.Reese, H.K.Lantz, and Mr.Wm.Brewer.

Discipline—Rev.J.M.G.Sappenfield, A.V.House, G.F.Dittmar, G.P.Kabele, and W.H.Shepfer.

Reception of Congregations—Rev.C.L.V.Dozer, H.B.Reed, H.S.K.Bartholomew.

Parochial Reports and Apportionments—Rev.I.Whitman, L.O.Pearch, William Eckert; and Messrs.J.S.Simon, J.J. Kuhn.

Special Committees.

Educational Institution—Rev.I.Whitman, D.L.Reese, H.K.Lantz, P.C.Wike, and Messrs.George Rorabaugh, Allen Glick, and Ova Manning.

Young Lutheran—Rev.M.L.Wagner, I.Whitman, and L.O.Pearch.

Directors of Dieckmann Memorial Home—Rev.M.L.Wagner, President; Rev.I. Whitman, Secretary; Rev.J.M.G.Sappenfield, Rev. Luther Hogshead, and Messrs. G.A.A.Dieckmann, Treasurer, N.D.Myers, and J.B.B.Bennyhoff.

The roll was called and the minutes of this and of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

With the hymn, "Now thank we all our God," and the prescribed order of the Church Book, the thirty-first convention of the Chicago Synod was brought to a close. It will always be remembered as one directed to the advancement of the interests of the Kingdom. Forward steps were taken in education, missions and benevolence. Earnestness in winning souls, unselfishness in preaching, cheerfulness in giving, and an abiding trust in the great Head of the church, whose we are and whom we serve, will bring our plans and hopes to a realization at once encouraging to ourselves and acceptable to our God. Let us therefore stand fast in the faith and labor in the unity of the spirit to God's glory and ours will be the happiness to hear in due time the welcome of the Master: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

WILLIAM J. FINCK, Secretary.

APPORTIONMENTS, May 1, 1901, to May 1, 1902.

Pastors and Pastorates.	Congregations.	Home Missions.....	Foreign Missions.....	Education	Synodical Expenses.....	Ministerial Relief.....	Total.....
Alexandria, Rev. C. L. V. Dozer	Our Saviour.	7 56	99	1 86	1 00	99	12 40
	St. John's ...	30 01	3 93	7 38	3 95	3 93	49 20
Anderson, Rev. W. J. Finck	Mt. Zion's...	9 88	1 30	2 43	1 30	1 29	16 20
Chicago, (vacant).....	Holy Trinity	83 82	10 99	20 61	10 99	10 99	137 40
" Rev. J. R. E. Hunt.....	St. John's...	31 48	4 13	7 74	4 13	4 12	51 60
" Rev. A. D. Crile.....	Wicker Park.	78 33	10 27	19 26	10 27	10 27	128 40
" Rev. Z. M. Corbet	St. Mark's ..	26 72	3 50	6 57	3 51	3 50	43 80
" Prof. P. W. H. Frederick.....	St. James'...	4 15	54	1 04	54	53	6 80
" Rev. Geo. P. Kabele	St. M'tthews	17 08	2 24	4 70	2 24	2 24	28 00
" Rev. H. B. Beed	St. Peter's...	16 10	2 12	3 96	2 11	2 11	26 40
" Rev. M. E. Haberland	St. Luke's...	4 88	64	1 20	64	64	8 00
Claremont. Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield.	St. James'...	48 68	6 38	11 97	6 39	6 38	79 80
	St. John's. ..	23 42	3 07	5 76	3 07	3 08	38 40
Colburn, Rev. P. C. Wide.....	Zion's.....	20 50	2 69	5 04	2 68	2 69	33 60
	Bethel.....	14 27	1 87	3 51	1 88	1 87	23 40
Corydon, (vacant)	Mt. Solomon.	30 50	4 00	7 50	4 00	4 00	50 00
Crisman, (vacant).....	Hope..	13 17	1 73	3 24	1 73	1 73	21 60
Decatur, Rev. H. Peters	First English	32 94	4 32	8 10	4 32	4 32	54 00
	Zion's.....	13 54	1 78	3 33	1 77	1 78	22 70
East Germantown, Rev. J. Wesner....	St. James'...	12 08	1 58	2 97	1 59	1 58	19 80
	St. John's ...	14 27	1 88	3 51	1 87	1 87	23 40
Fort Wayne, Rev. S. Wagenhals, D. D.	Holy Trinity	241 56	31 68	59 40	31 68	31 68	396 00
Frankfort, Rev. H. R. Lantz	St. Paul's. ..	27 45	3 60	6 75	3 60	3 60	45 00
Gila, (vacant)	Union.	56 00	7 34	13 77	7 35	7 34	91 80
Goshen, Rev. A. C. Anda.....	First English	65 88	8 64	16 20	8 64	8 64	108 00
	St. John's. ..	23 79	3 12	5 85	3 12	3 12	39 00
Hicksville, Rev. Luther Hogshead....	Lost Creek ..	27 82	3 65	6 84	3 65	3 64	45 60
	Zion's.....	10 25	1 34	2 52	1 35	1 34	16 80
Lafayette, Student, J. V. Sappenfield.	Zion's.....	5 37	70	1 32	71	70	8 80
Mulberry, (vacant).....	Zion's.....	54 90	7 20	13 50	7 20	7 20	90 00
	Fairhaven...	38 43	5 04	9 45	5 04	5 04	63 00
Newberry, Rev. W. H. Shepfer	St. Peter's...	23 79	3 12	5 85	3 12	3 12	39 00
	Mt. Zion's...	18 30	2 40	4 50	2 40	2 40	30 00
Portland, ...	Zion's.....	6 10	80	1 50	80	80	10 00
Rochester, Rev. G. F. Dittmar	St. Paul's. ..	26 72	3 50	6 57	3 51	3 50	43 80
	St. John's. ..	8 42	1 10	2 07	1 10	1 11	13 80
South Bend, Rev. Wm. Eckert	Holy Trinity	8 05	1 06	1 98	1 06	1 05	13 20
	St. Paul's..	12 08	1 58	2 97	1 59	1 58	19 80
Syracuse, Rev. A. H. Arbaugh...	Emmanuel ..	20 13	2 64	4 95	2 64	2 64	33 00
	Syracuse	8 05	1 06	1 98	1 06	1 05	13 20
Vandalia, Rev. M. L. Wagner	St. James'...	36 97	4 85	9 09	4 85	4 84	60 60
	Phanuel	21 96	2 88	5 40	2 88	2 88	36 00
Wallace, Rev. I. Whitman	Emmanuel ..	11 35	1 48	2 79	1 49	1 49	18 60
	Philadelphia.	7 69	1 00	1 89	1 01	1 01	12 60
	Union.	6 95	91	1 71	92	91	11 40
Whitestown, Rev. D. L. Reese.....	Salem..... .	41 36	5 42	10 17	5 42	5 43	67 80
	St. Mark's ..	47 95	6 29	11 79	6 29	6 28	78 60
	St. James'...	42 09	5 52	10 35	5 52	5 52	69 00
Apportionment to Ministers.....		88 45	11 60	21 75	11 60	11 60	145 00
Total Amount Apportioned		1539 52	201 90	378 57	199 58	199 42	2523 80
Total Amount Appropriated		1600 00	200 00	375 00	200 00	200 00	2575 00

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

WEDNESDAY MORNING: **Opening Services.**

Liturgical Services by the Secretary and Treasurer.
Synodical Sermon by the President, based on I. Tim. 3:15.
Preparatory Service and Holy Communion.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING:

Church Extension.

Afternoon Address by Rev. J. C. Kunzmann.
Evening Services in charge of Rev. A. D. Crile.
Addresses by Rev. H. B. Reed, Luther Hogshead, A. D. Crile.
Offerings for Church Extension.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING:

Foreign Missions.

Afternoon Address by Rev. J. Telleen.
Evening Services in charge of Rev. L. O. Pearch.
Addresses by Rev. C. L. V. Dozer, L. Hogshead and J. Telleen.
Offerings for Foreign Missions.

FRIDAY EVENING: **Home and Jewish Missions.**

Opening Service in charge of Rev. Geo. P. Kabele.
Address on Jewish Missions by Dr. Gerberding.
Address on Home Missions by Rev. A. C. Anda.
Appeal by Rev. Hiram Peters.
Offerings divided between the two causes.

SATURDAY EVENING: **Education.**

Address on Parochial School Education by Rev. P. C. Wike.
Address on College Education by Rev. Luther Hogshead.
Address on Beneficiary Education by Prof. Frederick.
Offerings for Beneficiary Education.

SUNDAY MORNING: **Ordination.**

Services in charge of the officers of Synod, the President preaching the sermon based on I. Tim. 4:16.
Candidates Ordained: George F. Dittmar, William Eckert, M. Edmund Haberland, Joel R. E. Hunt, Henry K. Lantz, and William H. Shepfer.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON: **Sunday School Conference.**

Presided over by the President.
Address, The Teacher, Rev. Hiram Peters.
Address, Music, Rev. Henry K. Lantz.

SUNDAY EVENING. **Benevolence.**

Liturgical Service in charge of Rev. Hiram Peters.
Address on the Deaconess Work by Rev. C. L. V. Dozer.
Address on the Dieckmann Home by Rev. M. L. Wagner.
Offerings for the Passavant Hospitals at Chicago and Jacksonville and the Dieckmann Memorial Home for the Aged.

Pastors and Pastorates	Congregations	Confirmed Members	Communed during the year	Infant Baptisms	Catechumens	ACCESSIONS: By Adult Baptism	By Confirmation	From Lutheran Churches	From other Churches	By Restoration	LOSSES: By Death	By Removal	By Exclusion
Alexandria, Rev. C. L. V. Dozer	Our Saviour	31	23	5	14	2	6	4	..	..	..	3	..
Anderson, Rev. W. J. Finck	St. John's	82	62	4	9	4	3	3	4	..	1	2	..
	Mt. Zion's	27	19	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chicago, (vacant)	Holy Trinity	229	180	2	20	2	...	...	...	...	2	5	..
" Rev. J. R. E. Hunt	St. John's.	82	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..
" Rev. A. D. Crile	Wicker Park.	214	190	16	91	49	46	3	...	..	1	19	2
" Rev. Z. M. Corbet	St. Mark's	77	....	13	35	...	12	9	...	..	5	12	..
" Prof. P. W. H. Frederick	St. James'	17	17	2	3	...	...	2	..	2	..	4	3
" Rev. Geo. P. Kabele	St. M'tthews	70	64	15	...	3	13	6	...	..	..	4	3
" Rev. H. B. Beed	St. Peter's	66	59	21	14	...	8	8	2	..	1	3	..
" Rev. M. E. Haberland	St. Luke's	20	....	1	10	...	...	6	...	..	..	..	..
Claremont. Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield	St. James'	133	106	8	14	...	...	...	1	..	..	6	..
Colburn, Rev. P. C. Wike	St. John's	64	....	2	15	4	3	...	...	..	..	..	..
	Zion's	56	....	3	8	...	1	3	...	..	..	..	..
	Bethel.	39	....	2	7	...	3	...	...	..	..	..	..
Corydon, (vacant)	Mt. Solomon	131	100	7	12	5	3	...	...	..	4	..	..
Crisman, (vacant)	Hope	54	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..
Decatur, Rev. H. Peters	First English	90	65	...	4	1	7	2	...	..	..	..	..
East Germantown, Rev. J. Wesner	Zion's	37	33	1	...	2	2	...	...	..	..	..	..
	St. Jacob's	33	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..
	St. John's	39	35	...	...	5	...	...	2	..	1	..	..
Fort Wayne, Rev. S. Wagenhals, D. D.	Holy Trinity	660	....	12	34	2	27	17	4	..	11	19	..
Frankfort, Rev. H. K. Lantz	St. Paul's.	75	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..
Gila, (vacant)	Union.	153	118	7	...	3	5	...	...	..	..	4	..
Goshen, Rev. A. C. Anda	First English	180	136	5	12	5	2	1	...	3	2	5	..
Hicksville, Rev. Luther Hogshead	St. John's	65	55	3	12	3	4	3	...	..	2	3	..
	Lost Creek	76	70	2	18	...	2	...	...	..	..	4	..
	Zion's	28	26	...	8	2	4	...	...	..	2	...	..
Lafayette, Student, J. V. Sappenfield	Zion's	22	12	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mulberry, (vacant)	Zion's	150	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..
	Fairhaven	105	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..
Newberry, Rev. W. H. Shepfer	St. Peter's	65	....	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	..	..	..
	Mt. Zion's	50	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..
Portland,	Zion's	25	13	...	6	...	...	...	...	..	..	1	5
Rochester, Rev. G. F. Dittmar	St. Paul's	73	52	1	...	2	11	...	...	..	1	2	..
	St. John's	23	19	...	...	...	4	...	...	..	1	...	..
South Bend, Rev. Wm. Eckert	Holy Trinity	33	33	2	7	...	4	12	2	..	..	1	..
Syracuse, Rev. A. H. Arbaugh	St. Paul's	33	31	...	...	...	...	...	2	..	2	...	..
	Emmanuel	55	55	5	15	2	6	..	2	..	..	..	..
	Syracuse	22	19	...	...	...	...	2	...	..	1	1	..
Vandalia, Rev. M. L. Wagner	St. James'	101	76	14	10	...	17	2	...	..	1	1	..
Wallace, Rev. I. Whitman	Phanuel	60	46	2	...	3	8	2	2	1	2	..	..
	Emmanuel	31	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..
	Philadelphia.	21	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	..	..
Whitestown, Rev. D. L. Reese	Union.	19	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..
	Salem	113	75	2	14	2	1	..	3	..	3	2	..
	St. Mark's	131	77	3	16	...	2	..	3	..	1	...	..
	St. James'	115	82	1	12	...	2	..	1	..	..	...	..
		4083	2029	161	420	101	212	85	29	6	45	101	13
		4002	2365	200	399	46	204	91	19	13	61	124	27

SUNDAY SCHOOL				BENEFICENCE.											
Teachers and Officers	Pupils	Income	Estimated Value of Church Property	Total Local Expenses	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Synodical Expenses	Ministerial Relief	Church Extension	Orphan Work	Educational Institutions	Local or other Benevolence	Total Beneficence	Total Expenditures
4	35	13 30	.....	107 00	2 00	2 99	1 01	.....	.....	5 86	..	....	.....	11 86	118 86
10	92	89 68	6200	505 38	26 05	6 30	4 40	1 90	3 80	.....	..	....	5 90	53 35	558 73
..	....	.....	1900	85 00	8 40	4 05	2 15	95	1 80	.....	..	....	.....	17 35	102 35
16	200	356 00	54000	2500 00	87 58	12 68	22 20	9 51	19 03	.....	..	25	25 00	201 00	3057 00
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St. John's.....	Englewood.....	Indiana Ave., south of Sixty-first St.,Chicago
St. Mark's....	Lakeview	.....Clark St. and Addison Ave., Chicago
St. Peter's	St. Peter's	..Spaulding Ave. and LeMoyne St.. Chicago
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First English..	Decatur.....	.N. Main and William Sts., Decatur, Illinois
St. James'	Claremont.....	..... Claremont, Richland county, Illinois
Union	Gila	.....Gila, Illinois
Hope	Crisman.....	.....Crisman, Indiana
Holy Trinity ..	Ft. Wayne	Wayne and Clinton Sts., Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Holy Trinity ..	South Bend	.....South Bend, Indiana
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St. James'	Whitestown	.... Near Darlington, Mont. county, Indiana
Salem	Whitestown	..... New Augusta, Indiana
Union	Whitestown	..... East of Whitestown, Indiana
St. Paul's.....	Syracuse	..... Benton, Elkhart county, Indiana
Emmanuel	Syracuse	S.W. of Nappanee, Kosciusko county, Indiana
Syracuse	Syracuse	.....Syracuse, Kosciusko county, Indiana
Emmanuel	Wallace	....Near Hillsboro, Fountain county, Indiana
Phanuel.....	Wallace	.....Near Alamo, Fountain county, Indiana
Philadelphia ..	Wallace	..... Near Milligan, Parke county, Indiana
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Zion's.....	Colburn	..... Colburn, Tippecanoe county, Indiana
Bethel.....	Colburn	..... Pettit, Tippecanoe county, Indiana
Zion's.....	E. Germantown...	.. East Germantown, Wayne county, Indiana
St. John's.....	E. Germantown...	.....Middletown, Henry county, Indiana
St. Jacob's	E. Germantown...	..... Millville, Henry county, Indiana
St. Paul's.....	Rochester	.....Tiosa, Fulton county, Indiana
St. John's.....	Rochester	.....Bruce Lake, Fulton county, Indiana
Zion's.....	Mulberry.....	.....Mulberry, Indiana
Fairhaven.....	Mulberry.....	.....Near Mulberry, Indiana
St. Paul's.....	Frankfort	.....Frankfort, Indiana
Zion's.....	Portland	..... Portland, Indiana
Our Saviour...	Alexandria.....	.....Alexandria, Indiana
St. John's.....	Anderson.....	.....Anderson, Indiana
Mt. Zion's.....	Anderson.....	.....Ovid, Madison county, Indiana
St. Peter's	Newberry	..... Newberry, Greene county, Indiana
Mt Zion's.....	Newberry	..... Monroe City, Knox county, Indiana
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Zion's..... ...	Hicksville	.....Hall's Corner, Allen county, Indiana
St. John's.....	Hicksville	.....Hicksville, Ohio
Lost Creek	Hicksville	....North of Hicksville, Ohio

BY-LAWS

Adopted at the Thirty-first Convention Held in St. Paul's Church, Tiosa, Fulton County, Indiana, May 29 to June 3, 1901.

I. The Quorum.

1. The Quorum of regular and special meetings of Synod shall be one-third of the clerical members, and no less than three lay delegates.

2. The Quorum of any committee meeting shall be a majority of its members, unless otherwise provided for.

II. Committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. The Committee on Examination shall consist of five clerical members. Its duty shall be to examine all applicants for ordination or reception, according to Article XII., of the Constitution. When the committee is satisfied that the requirements of the Constitution are fulfilled in the case of any applicant, it shall recommend his ordination or reception; but in no case shall it recommend an applicant of whose fitness or qualifications it is not satisfied.

2. The Committee on Foreign Missions shall consist of two ministers and one layman. They shall arrange for a Foreign Mission service at each annual meeting of Synod; and shall do all they can to spread Foreign Mission information in the congregations of Synod, and in every way possible urge congregations to give liberally for the furtherance of the work among the heathen.

3. The Committee on Home Missions shall consist of nine members, five ministers who do not receive missionary support from Synod and four laymen not members of synodical missions. Its quorum shall consist of a majority of its clerical members and at least one layman. It shall have power to elect a missionary director, (who shall also act as chairman) a secretary and a treasurer from its own members. It shall encourage the formation of

such missions within the bounds of Synod as circumstances may suggest and means permit.

4. The Committee on Education shall consist of three members, two ministers and one layman, whose duty it shall be carefully to examine all applicants for beneficiary aid, and recommend such as are worthy, and also recommend the amount deemed necessary each year to supplement the amount he may possess. It shall recommend no one for aid below the Freshman class at college. This committee shall adopt such rules, not in conflict with these By-Laws, as they may deem necessary for their guidance in selecting beneficiaries and appropriating aid.

5. The Committee on Benevolence shall consist of three members, two clerical and one lay. It shall arrange a service at each annual meeting of Synod devoted to the cause of charity and works of mercy, and shall do all in its power to arouse a prayerful liberality in the congregations connected with Synod in behalf of the sick, the aged, the orphan, and the needy. All cases of need among the clerical members of Synod shall be referred to this committee and to it shall be entrusted all funds intended for Ministerial Relief.

6. The Committee on Discipline shall consist of five clerical members. To this committee shall be referred all cases arising under Article XIV., of the Constitution of Synod.

7. The Committee on Reception of Congregations shall consist of two clerical members and one layman. They shall consider all applications of congregations for membership in this body and shall report proper action in each case.

8. The Committee on Parochial Reports and Apportionments shall consist of five members, three clerical and two lay, though all lay delegates may be present at the open meeting of this committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to apportion the amount needed to carry on the work of the Synod among the congregations according to their strength, and to tabulate the Parochial Reports of congregations for publication and preservation.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

The following committees shall be appointed by the President at the beginning of each convention. These committees shall be constituted as designated, shall perform the work suggested by their name, and shall report before the close of the convention, and when their reports are adopted, they shall stand dismissed.

1. On Credentials of Lay Delegates—Three Ministers.
2. On President's Report—Three Members.
3. On Treasurer's Report—Three Laymen.
4. On Protocol and Minutes of Previous Meeting—Two Members.
5. On Absentees—Two Ministers and One Layman.
6. On Proceedings of Conferences—Secretaries of Conferences.
7. On Local Press and Church Papers—One reporter for each paper.

III. Order of Business.

1. Every regular convention of Synod shall begin with the Confessional and Morning Service of the Church Book. including the sermon by the President and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. After the Benediction, the Committee on Credentials shall be announced.

2. The first session for business shall be opened and the last closed according to the provided orders of the Church Book. Other sessions shall be opened and closed with devotional services conducted by the President, or someone appointed by him.

3. After the formal opening of Synod, the following shall be the order of procedure:

1. Roll call of Ministers.
2. Report of Committee on Credentials of Lay Delegates.
3. Enrollment of Applicants for the Ministry and Visiting Ministers.
4. Enrollment of Congregations.
5. President's Report.
6. Appointment of Tellers and Election of Officers.
7. Appointment of Regular Committees.
8. Completion of Standing Committees.
9. Call for papers intended for Synod, and reference to proper committees.
10. Announcement of business by any member to be brought up at a later time.
11. Report of Committee on Examination.
12. Annual Report of Treasurer.
13. Report of Special Committees.
14. Report of Standing Committees.
15. Report of Delegates to General Council.

16. Report of Regular Committees.
17. Election of Trustees.
18. Election of Delegates to Convention of General Council.
19. Unfinished Business.
20. New Business.
21. Time and place for next convention.
22. (For last session only)
    (a) Appointment of Standing Committees.
    (b) Announcement of Special Committees.
    (c) Reading and Correction of Minutes of last Session.
    (d) Adjournment according to prescribed order.

IV. Parochial Reports.

Every member of Synod in the active ministry as a pastor or supply shall carefully fill out the parochial blanks furnished by Synod, one for each congregation he serves, and send the same to the chairman of the proper committee at least ten days before each annual convention.

V. Remittances to the Treasurer.

Payments on Apportionment must be made quarterly. The last payment must be in the hands of the Treasurer at least ten days before the beginning of the annual meeting of Synod, when the Treasurer must close his accounts and prepare his report for Synod.

VI. The Archives.

1. The Synod shall provide common Archives for all its proceedings in Synod and Conference, in which shall be kept and preserved full sets of the printed Minutes, the Protocol as each volume is filled, the books containing the minutes of the conferences as each book is completed or superceded by others, all important records, letters, papers, documents, memorials, etc., falling into the hands of officers or committees at the different conventions of Synod, all biographical sketches of deceased members prepared at request of Synod, and all records and written histories of congregations coming into possession of Synod.

2. The Synod shall annually appoint a keeper of the Archives who shall have charge of the same, keep them in order, see to their proper preservation and make an annual report of their condition and needs.

3. No paper or record belonging to the Archives shall be given

away or destroyed, or be loaned out by the keeper, except by permission of the President.

VII. Parliamentary Guide.

Robert's Rules of Order shall decide all questions of procedure arising at any meeting, not provided for by the Constitution and these By-Laws.

VIII. Remuneration of Officers.

1. The Secretary shall receive twenty dollars for his services in transcribing and publishing Minutes of Synod.
2. The Treasurer shall be allowed ten dollars for his services each year.

IX. Plan of Beneficiary Education.

The Object.

The object of Synod in this department of its work is to aid young men in preparing for the ministry, and not to support them.

Appropriations.

1. The amount of aid which the Synod shall appropriate to any applicant, to supplement that which he has earned or otherwise secured, shall not exceed the sum of $100 for any given year.
2. Every appropriation made by Synod to applicants shall be considered as a provisional loan. The student shall give at the end of each scholastic year his note, without interest, payable to the Treasurer of Synod.
3. When the student has been ordained to the ministry, his notes shall all be exchanged for one note covering the aggregate of all money loaned to him.
4. Should he after his ordination engage in work in a field which in the opinion of the committee will not enable him to make a return, the committee shall credit him with such an amount as they see fit, not, however, to exceed $100 per year. Otherwise one-seventh of the note shall fall due each successive year until the note is cancelled or paid.
5. An order upon the Treasurer of Synod for one-third of the amount of aid granted shall be sent by the chairman of the committee to each beneficiary upon the first day of October, January and April.

Requirements and Qualifications of Students.

1. Every applicant for aid as a beneficiary of the Synod shall be a member in good standing in the Lutheran Church and prepared to enter the Freshman class at college, and every such applicant for aid shall be requested to present a written testimonial from his pastor with reference to his moral character, piety and scholarship, respectively.

2. During the first year the beneficiary shall be regarded as a probationer.

3. At the close of each term, the faculty of the institution he is attending shall be requested to send to the chairman of the Committee on Education a report as to the scholastic attainments and Christian character of the beneficiary.

General Obligations of Beneficiaries.

I solemnly declare that it is my serious intention and purpose to prepare myself for the Gospel Ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. I therefore promise ever to continue faithful to the doctrines and usages of said Evangelical Lutheran Church as set forth in her symbols, and as held and practiced by the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. I further promise faithfully and diligently to pursue the studies assigned to me, and to observe carefully all the regulations of the college or seminary in which I may be placed. I also promise to hold no connection with any fraternity or secret society, but by the grace of God to lead a truly Christian life so long as I am a beneficiary of the Chicago Synod. I promise further, that in case my name be stricken from the roll of beneficiaries for any reason satisfactory to Synod, or if I fail to fulfill any of the promises above made, or if I depart from the doctrines and usages of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, or if I should be ordained by or connected with any Synod or body not in doctrinal harmony and sympathy with this Synod, or if I conclude not to devote myself to the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, that I will within three years thereafter repay to this Synod the whole amount of money received therefrom with 6 per cent. interest thereon from date of receiving it.

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Signed.....

Funds.

1. The Treasurer of Synod shall keep all money contributed

to Synod for Education as a separate Educational Fund, to be applied only for Beneficiary Education under order from Synod.

2. The money repaid by Beneficiaries shall go into this fund to be used as above specified.

X. Amendments.

1. These By-Laws cannot be amended except upon a written notice given at a previous annual meeting, and by a two-thirds vote of all present.

2. Any one of these By-Laws may be set aside for the time of any convention by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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